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From left: Steffany Moreno, Kaitlyn Simmons, Taylor Nefcy and Oliva Todd practice their lines for Missoula Children's Theater production of "Red Riding Hood" in the Taiyo Recreation Center at Yokota Air Base, Japan. They will perform the play at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Fresno slayings:** Prosecutors in Fresno, Calif., say they will seek the death penalty against a man charged with shooting nine of his children in his home.

Marcus Wesson, 57, is charged with shooting nine of his children, ages 1 to 25, on March 12.

Wesson is also accused of 13 sex crimes, including rape, with each of the victims believed to be family members. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

**Smart abduction:** The woman accused in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping is still not competent to stand trial and must receive another year of treatment, a Utah judge has ruled.

Wanda Barzee, 58, who first was ruled incompetent in January, remains incompetent, but there is a "substantial probability she may become competent in the foreseeable future," Third District Judge Judith Atherton said Tuesday. She ordered another evaluation on Aug. 10, 2005.

**Serial killings:** A suspected serial killer faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison after a Port Allen, La., jury convicted him of second-degree murder in the beating and stabbing death of a 21-year-old woman.

A jury took less than two hours Tuesday to find Derrick Todd Lee, 35, guilty in the slaying of Garlyn DeStout. Lee still faces two first-degree murder charges carrying possible death sentences in other cases.

The defense said there would be an immediate appeal. Sentencing was set for Monday.

**Stewart perjury trial:** A federal judge in New York declined to throw out perjury charges Wednesday against the ink expert who testified at the Martha Stewart trial about a stock worksheet that was used as evidence.

Larry Stewart, no relation to Martha Stewart, is accused of lying repeatedly on the witness stand, mainly by exaggerating his role in ink-analysis testing of the worksheet.

**Steinberg kicked out:** Joel Steinberg, who left prison in June after serving 17 years for the beating death of his 6-year-old adopted daughter, was thrown out of a Manhattan halfway house because of a magazine interview he gave in which he called himself "a good father."

By giving the interview, Steinberg violated a condition of his stay that he not speak to the news media while he resided at the house, said JoAnne Page, president of the



**Berlin Wall anniversary:** Two women pass the remains of the Berlin Wall on Wednesday at the Wall Memorial Park. Friday is the 43rd anniversary of the building of the wall, which divided Berlin in two parts until it was torn down in 1989.

Fortune Society, which runs the facility.

**Chicken plant video:** Federal compliance officers have finished investigating the West Virginia processing plant where workers were accused of torturing chickens before slaughter, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture is still reviewing the results.

Spokesman Matt Baun said Wednesday it may be a few weeks before the agency decides whether any action is needed at the Pilgrim's Pride plant in Moorefield, where 11 workers were fired for mistreating birds.

## World

**Germany terror trial:** A key al-Qaida captive in U.S. custody told interrogators that a Moroccan on trial for helping the Hamburg-based Sept. 11, 2001, suicide pilots had no knowledge of the plot, according to a summary of the questioning of two key terror suspects presented Wednesday for the first time in court.

Momin el Motassadeq, accused of giving logistical aid to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell that included hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah, is being retried after his conviction was thrown out in March.

The Justice Department's summary of interrogations presented in the Hamburg state court said Ramzi Binalshibh, believed to be the Hamburg cell's contact with al-Qaida, maintained that el Motassadeq was not part of the plot.

**Al-Qaida operative arrest:** Police have arrested a close aide of a senior Pakistani

al-Qaida operative who used to run a terror training camp in Afghanistan and was recently captured in the United Arab Emirates, an official said Wednesday.

The aide, identified only as Arshad, was arrested in a raid late Monday on a hide-out in Sialkot, said Sialkot police chief Nisar Saroya.

Police seized 12 rockets, three rocket launchers, two AK-47 assault rifles, three pistols and ammunition.

**Abductees in N. Korea:** Japan and North Korea began talks Wednesday in China on a dispute over the fate of as many as 10 Japanese nationals abducted by the North decades ago.

Japanese media reports said Tokyo could suspend critical food aid to impoverished North Korea or refuse to resume talks on establishing diplomatic relations if the issue of the 10 missing is not resolved satisfactorily.

**Campaign for Suu Kyi freedom:** Myanmar's main pro-democracy party has launched a nationwide campaign seeking the immediate and unconditional release of its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and other political detainees, the party's spokesman said Wednesday.

The National League for Democracy began collecting signatures for its campaign on July 19, a Myanmar holiday known as Martyrs Day, marking the anniversary of the 1947 assassination of Myanmar independence hero Gen. Aung San, who was Suu Kyi's father.

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# 4 navy aviators missing after crash on island

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

The airplane carrying four U.S. Navy aviators that did not return to its aircraft carrier Tuesday night crashed into Kita Ijima, an uninhabited western Pacific island about 45 miles north of Iwo Jima, Navy officials announced Wednesday morning.

The four-seater S-3B Viking took off from the USS John C. Stennis and was participating in joint U.S. military air and sea exercises with the USS Kitty Hawk.

When asked if there was any chance the crew could have survived the crash, Lt. Cmdr. Marc Boyd, a 7th Fleet spokesman, said, "We're investigating the cause of the accident is ongoing. Search-and-rescue efforts are ongoing, as well."

Aircraft from the Stennis and Kitty Hawk were searching the island for the four, whose names weren't released Wednesday because of a mandatory 24-hour waiting period following notification.

**"The investigation into the cause of the accident is ongoing. Search-and-rescue efforts are ongoing, as well."**

**Lt. Cmdr. Marc Boyd**  
7th Fleet spokesman

tion of next of kin.

Communications with the S-3B Viking were lost at 7:42 p.m. Tuesday, Boyd said. He added that there was no prior distress call.

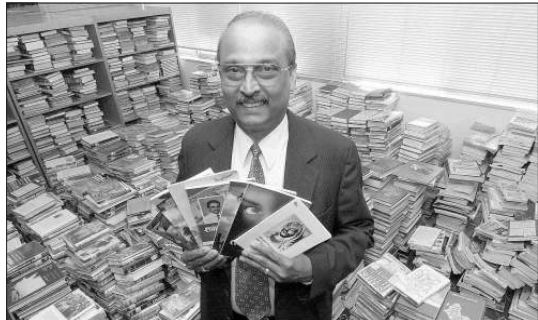
Kita Ijima is a two-square-mile volcanic island. Boyd said sunset there was at 6:15 p.m. but said he did not know what the weather conditions were at the time of the crash.

The pilots were part of the "Blue Wolves" squadron, based at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

At the time of the crash, the aircraft, assigned to the air station's Sea Control Squadron 35, was conducting a routine training mission with the Stennis and Kitty Hawk carrier strike groups as part of the Joint Air-Sea Exercise, or JASEX '04.

The S-3B Viking can perform a variety of missions, including day and night surveillance, electronic countermeasures, command/communications warfare and search and rescue.

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Atsugi Naval Air Facility library director Dr. George Marangoly displays the books he has written in his native language, Malayalam, which is the language of the Southern Indian state of Kerala.

## Library director publishes new book

BY JULIANA GITTNER  
Stars and Stripes

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — Dr. George Marangoly loves books as much as he loves literature.

For eight years, Marangoly has served as Atsugi's library director. This month, the native of India will publish his eighth book in his native Malayalam language. Malayalam is the language of the Southern Indian state of Kerala, according to an Indian government Web site.

Marangoly's stories explore contemporary issues such as the culture gaps between foreign-born parents and their American-born offspring, and issues including trust and relationships.

"One are moral lessons," he said. "It's all in there."

He offers readers a unique perspective — an Indian-born man living in Japan who has worked for the U.S. government for 17 years.

Marangoly, 57, began writing while studying political science in Kerala, India. He began graduate studies in English literature but moved to the United States before completing his degree. He later earned his doctorate in library science.

And he continued writing. His first piece was a humorous short story. Much of his work uses humor, with hopes of making readers happier and therefore healthier.

"I like humor. You can make people laugh and that's a good thing," he said.

He began writing as an outlet and now uses it to educate, entertain and explore social issues.

His anthology includes two novels and six books of short stories, and last month he earned an award from the Federation of Kerala Associations of North America.

His readers span the globe, even if his books generally are published in India.

"Writing stories is not always for fame," he said. "You feel better when you write a story. You get involved so much, maybe you transform into the character in the story."

He derives ideas from anyone he encounters.

"I get inspiration from everyone," he said. Even things that may not seem like a story at first. I had a small story written about a dog one time."

Non-Malayalam speakers will have to wait a few years to experience Marangoly's work. He doesn't believe translation can convey meaning as well so he plans to begin writing in English, but only until he retires in a few years.

For now, he writes as a hobby, bouncing ideas off his wife. If she approves, the stories might be included in the next published edition, he said.

"She's my encouragement in all respects."

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## Opposition builds against idea of closing military base schools

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Education and quality of life could suffer for servicemembers' children attending one of 58 stateside schools now run by the U.S. military that the Pentagon is studying whether to relinquish control.

"We're very, very concerned about individual civilian school districts' ability to absorb these kids and give them a quality education," said Joyce Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association in Alexandria, Va. "A lot of the quality-of-life issues revolve around a school system that understands who you are, understands deployment issues, and is a system that works for the same people who are deploying your parents."

Not all stateside installations have their own schools, and the reason the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, or DDESS, system was created after World War II no longer exists, said Joseph Tafoya, director of Department of Defense Education Activity.

The Pentagon started the system because the military segregated, but many schools in the South had not. And southern school districts typically are poorer, and historically, students scored lower on standardized tests. "But those reasons no longer exist," Tafoya said during a recent interview. "No longer are they a factor."

Segregation no longer exists, but inferior school systems in the South do, and the association fears already struggling school jurisdictions would fall short of providing educational standards now enjoyed by DDESS students, not to mention the consistent curriculum, Raezer said.

"Segregation isn't a problem any more, or shouldn't be. But it's a big fear that the school won't be able to absorb the students. Where are they going to get the extra funding? How are they going to upgrade schools, buy buses, hire teachers? Where are they going to get the resources?"

Similar themes were raised by Oliver Dalton, superintendent of Chattanooga County schools outside of Fort Benning, Ga., home of the 3rd Infantry Division.

As the superintendent of the county's schools — all three of them — his school dis-

trict would grow from 1,100 students to more than 5,000. He raised the quality-of-life issue, citing as examples a loss of community garnered from being on base and an increase of school bus commute times from an average five to 10 minutes to 35 to 45 minutes.

"As a parent and ex-military, ... I think it would be unfair to close the system," Dalton said. "It's a good recruiting tool. Parents expect a quality education from their local base, a quality of life in the armed services, and compared to some of the rural counties in Georgia, it's much better for children at the [base] schools. It just wouldn't be fair to those children."

No decision has been made on whether to terminate the DDESS system and turn over those students to local school jurisdictions, officials said, adding they would be remiss if they didn't explore the possibility.

Within DDESS, there are 65 schools on 17 military installations, including Puerto Rico and Cuba, which educate 26,975 students and employ about 2,500 teachers. For consideration is whether to close or transfer control of the 58 schools on 14 military installa-

tions in Georgia, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

In March 2002, Congress directed DODEA, which runs the military's schools both overseas and in the United States, to commission two studies on whether DDESS is financially viable and in the best interest of the military, families and students.

Two unreleased studies sit before Pentagon leaders. In one, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers looked at the status of the facilities. The second, by the Donahue Institute of the University of Massachusetts, looked at an array of issues from infrastructure, curricula, the quality of life, standards of learning, state and federal funding and all the educational programs, including special education.

Reports until officials won't release the reports until they have been scrutinized and defense and congressional officials have been briefed, said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph Richard.

Tafoya said that with the upcoming presidential and Congressional elections, changes likely wouldn't be made until after the new year.

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# Airra: Watch mates' backs, stay safe

## Commander urges Misawa sailors to take steps to prevent off-duty accidents

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — Sailors can help reduce off-duty mishaps simply by looking out for each other, the commander of the Naval Safety Center told sailors here this week.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Brooks said commanders to shop supervisors and branch officers should know what their young troops are doing away from the job. Are they about to splurge on a fast motorcycle or squeeze a long road trip into too short a period?

"It's really just kind of getting to know your people," he said, asking questions about their weekend plans, hobbies or friends. "If people are involved in that... and get to know what our young men and women are doing, they have a chance to influence them and maybe give them that parental type of advice."

Brooks, a Navy aviator, was visiting with sailors and fleet leaders in Japan for the first time since taking command of the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., about a year ago.

While the Navy and Marine Corps commands are trying to meet the secretary of defense's challenge to reduce mishaps by 50 percent over the next two years, off-duty mishaps continue to be a problem, Brooks said — specifically private motor vehicle and recreational accidents.

So far in fiscal 2004, the Navy has recorded 63 private motor vehicle fatalities; the 19.53 fatality rate — 19.53 per 100,000 personnel — is worse than each of the previous



CHRISTOPHER OTSEN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Westerikom, commander of VP46 from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Wash., and currently deployed to Misawa Naval Air Facility, is quizzed on safety procedures by Rear Admiral Richard E. Brooks, Commander Naval Safety Center, during a safety briefing in Misawa on Tuesday. Brooks spoke to the Navy population of Misawa about the prevention of recreational casualties.

eight years, according to Naval Safety Center statistics. The fiscal 2004 rate in the Marines thus far is 24.66 (37 fatalities), but that's better than the five previous years.

The center reports that Navy off-duty shore and recreational fatalities in fiscal 2004 also are high: 19 fatalities to equal a

5.89 rate, worse than the previous five-year period. It's even higher for the Marines: 11 fatalities for a 7.33 rate, worse than each of the previous seven years.

"We are failing here," Brooks told Misawa NAF sailors. "The only thing that will turn it around is leadership and involvement."

Balcony jumping, an activity marked by leaping from hotel balconies into swimming pools, or from balcony to balcony, is a risky off-duty recreational behavior that has cost lives, Brooks said. "We've lost six sailors and a couple of Marines doing that," he said.

He told a story of a young sailor who attempted to cram an 800-mile road trip to visit family into a three-day weekend; the sailor crashed his car — but wasn't seriously injured — on the way back to base, likely from fatigue.

Supervisors need to ask those hard questions, Brooks said. "What are your plans this weekend? Are you traveling out of the area? How far are you traveling? What kinds of things will you be involved in?"

Leaders already are involved "but we need to ratchet it up a notch so everybody really understands what our kids are doing off-duty," he said, "since that's where a majority of the mishaps seem to occur."

The safety center also is looking at what the other services do to help prevent mishaps. The Army, for instance, has a computer program that assesses the risk level for certain activities, Brooks said. A soldier can map out a road trip and the computer will assign a risk; he or she can change the plan and senior leaders can offer counsel, as well, Brooks said.

Ultimately, "we want to save lives and reduce and eliminate mishaps altogether," the admiral said. "And what it's really about is officer-ship. It's about the way you lead. One is hurt or killed, any time we destroy an asset, that's going to impact our combat readiness."

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### Sasebo earns Zumwalt Award

Sasebo Naval Base's Combined Bachelor Housing division was awarded its record fifth Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Bachelor Housing.

Navy Housing Program Manager Capt. J.T. Vasquez cited the professionalism and drive to provide superior quality of life demonstrated by Sasebo's CBH staff, according to a Navy report released Wednesday.

"Confirmation of the five-star accreditation requires sound management, strong teamwork, consistent quality and a commitment to excellence," he stated in the report. Zumwalt award winners are designated every two years based on a predetermined standard via a series of inspections. Accreditation levels are for three, four or five stars, with five stars the highest. Sasebo CBH has won the award consecutively since 1996.

"Earning five-star accreditation is the pinnacle of CBH awards," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Guy A. Gagui, Sasebo's CBH officer. "We've won this award five consecutive times because of the pride and professionalism of our staff, and their considerable experience."

### Stripes employee released

A civilian employee of Stars and Stripes was released from Japanese police custody Tuesday in Tokyo, police officials said.

Local police had detained Gary Feller, 54, manager of the newspaper's commercial print shop in Tokyo, since July 21 on suspicion of theft. Camp Zama military investigators on July 30 searched Feller's room at Hardy Barracks, located next door to the newspaper's offices.

Officials at Camp Zama were unable to comment on Feller's release by deadline Wednesday.

### Yokota contracting office closed

The 374th Contracting Squadron will be closed Wednesday because of an official function. Those requiring emergency assistance that day should call DSN 225-7199 or 090-9670-0048.

Call DSN 225-7099 for more information.

### Road closures at Yokota

Two access roads next to Yokota's main fitness center are closed until Monday due to the renovations under way at the facility, base officials said.

Turner Street on the fitness center's north side and Foulis Street on its south side, which both intersect Airport Avenue, have been shut down while workers complete the \$3.3 million renovation project. To enter the Child Development Center, motorists must use Davis Street to reach Turner.

Call DSN 225-8123 for more information.

### Joint concert set at Sakura Shell

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Aisa is working with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band for the first time in a joint concert at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Yokota Air Base's Sakura Shell.

About 600 visitors from off base are expected to attend, base officials said. The concert is open to the Yokota community.

Call DSN 225-3218 for more information.

### Korean ships to visit Guam

U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Guam, will welcome two South Korean naval destroyers when they arrive pier-side Friday for a stay through Sunday. The ships Chungmugong Yi Sun Shin and Ulchimoonduk are making the Guam stop while heading back to South Korea after taking part in the Rim of the Pacific 2004 exercise.

RIMPAC is a joint maritime exercise involving several nations' navies, to boost naval tactics and cooperation.

### Relocation rumors spark protest

A Sagamihami city citizen's group expressed opposition Monday to Japanese media reports that Army and Marine units and U.S. Forces Japan headquarters would be relocated to Camp Zama.

The group working to promote return of U.S. military bases and facilities in Sagamihami city submitted letters of protest to U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker and Japanese government officials.

Local news reports have said the U.S. government presented a plan to relocate to Camp Zama the U.S. Army's 1 Corps from Fort Lewis in Washington state, some Marines from Okinawa and USFJ headquarters from Yokota Air Base.

The group stated they strongly hope for the prompt return of U.S. bases in Sagamihami city.

### Free cheerleading camp

The Youth Sports Office at Yokota Air Base, Japan, is offering a free cheerleading camp for children ages 6-12 from Aug. 16 until Aug. 19. Open to 24 participants only, the camp features morning and afternoon sessions aimed at improving cheerleading skills, enhancing creativity and increasing social skills.

Registration is required by Friday at the East Youth Center. Contact Fred McDaniels at DSN 225-7021 for more information.

### Girl Scouts, volunteers wanted

Misawa Air Base Girl Scouts are looking for adult volunteers and scouts ages 5 to 17.

Adult volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including troop leader, treasurer, guest speaker, badge or interest project consultant and driver.

Call DSN 226-4955 or e-mail misawagirlscouts@hotmail.com for more information.

Camp Zama is holding a Girl Scouts registration/game night on Aug. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Camp Zama Youth Center. The registration/game night is a chance to register or re-register girls ages 5-17 for the Camp Zama troop. Contact Cindy Streeter at DSN 267-6090 for more information.

### Japanese classes at Misawa

The Hachinohe International Relations Association in Misawa holds Japanese classes for students at every level from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Hachinohe. The newest semester begins Aug. 24.

Call Yuka Furumachi at (0178) 43-2111 ext. 329, or Karen Keller at 52-5309 for more information.

### Misawa school lunch

Starting Aug. 23, families may apply for the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program for the new school year. Pick up applications in Room 2005 in the Torii Building (No. 656). Completed applications must be returned to the school liaison office in the Torii Building, Room 1458, by Aug. 30. Families already approved for the program must submit a new application.

From staff reports



## IN THE WORLD

## Rumsfeld nails Afghan progress: vote setup

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld renewed America's commitment to building democracy in war-torn Afghanistan on Wednesday and hailed a hearty pace of registration for the October presidential election.

"The goal, of course, is for the Afghan security forces to be able to provide for the security," he said. "And each month, each quarter, solid progress is being made."

Joining President Hamid Karzai at a news conference not long after his arrival here, Rumsfeld said, "Your leadership team is showing great courage in your efforts" to stabilize the country.

"This upcoming election is an important one," he said. "When



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, left, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai shake hands Wednesday during a news conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. Rumsfeld arrived in Kabul on Wednesday for talks.

we talked a few months ago, the hope was three, four — maybe five — million registered voters.

I'm told by the Joint Election Commission today, they claim something like 9 million, of which

a sizable portion is women."

Rumsfeld noted that there "has been a campaign of intimidation" and "attempts to dissuade people from registering."

He called the heavy voter registration "a very vivid demonstration of the Afghan people's determination to make democracy work."

Karzai clearly is the American favorite, but Rumsfeld and other officials have avoided endorsing him, saying the U.S. government will work with whomever the Afghans voters choose.

During his daylong visit, Rumsfeld planned consultations with United Nations officials and Afghan officials, as well as meetings with senior U.S. military officials. Before flying to the Afghan capital, he said that U.S.-led coalition forces are preparing a coordinated effort to attack the narcotics

trade in the country, recognizing that drug income could be used to fund insurgents and terrorists in the country.

Rumsfeld offered few specifics, but he noted the British government previously has taken the lead in working with Karzai's administration to address the drug trade in Afghanistan.

"There are plans being finished now," Rumsfeld had said Tuesday, in Oman for the first of several visits to U.S. allies in the region. "I don't want to get into those troops will do what."

The cultivation of opium poppies has resumed and flourished since 2001 in Afghanistan. It was largely eliminated under the Taliban's religious policing, but farmers have resumed cultivating and harvesting the profitable crop in the chaos since the fall of the Taliban.

## Reports: Jenkins says 2 other U.S. soldiers in N. Korea have died

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A U.S. Army soldier accused of defecting to North Korea in 1965 has told Japanese officials that two other suspected American defectors had died in the communist nation, news reports said Wednesday.

On the reports, covered by Kyodo News Service, national broadcaster NHK and the conservative Sankei newspaper, cited unidentified Japanese government officials.

Officials from the Foreign Ministry and the Cabinet Office dealing with North Korean agents said they had heard nothing about the reported comments and didn't know where they came from. The U.S. Embassy also had no comment.

Charles Jenkins, 64, arrived in Japan last month after leaving North Korea to be reunited with his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga. The two met in North Korea after Soga was kidnapped by North Korean agents in 1978. She returned to Japan alone in 2002.

In addition to Jenkins, three other accused U.S. military defectors were believed to be in North Korea. The reports in Japan on Wednesday did not identify the two men Jenkins said had died, or say when they allegedly died.

The reports quoted Jenkins as

telling Japanese officials in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he and his family stayed for a week before coming to Japan. Kyodo reported that Jenkins suggested one of the other defectors may have died of cancer. No cause of death was given for the other.

Sankei reported that Jenkins also denied encouraging the two to defect to North Korea.

The United States says it will press a case against Jenkins for desertion and other related charges, but so far has delayed taking him into custody while he is hospitalized. Japan is eager to have Jenkins live together with Soga and their two daughters in Japan, and has urged Washington to be lenient in his case.

Jenkins met with an independent counsel from the U.S. Army last week to discuss his options, which include a possible plea-bargain.

Jenkins, who lived for 39 years in one of the world's most isolated nations, could hold valuable information about other suspected U.S. defectors and the fates of Japanese citizens and others kidnapped by North Korea over the years.

Jenkins is one of four Americans believed to have deserted to the North in the 1960s.

The others are Pvt. Larry A. Abshire of Urbana, Ill., who went missing from his unit in May 1962 at age 19; Cpl. Jerry W. Parrish of Morganfield, Ky., who is accused of deserting in December 1963 at age 19; and Pvt. James Dresnok of Norfolk, Va., who left in August 1962 at age 21.

In 1997, the Pentagon sought to contact Jenkins and the three others to see if they knew anything about other Americans missing from Korean War who possibly ended up in the North. At that time, Pyongyang said the four were North Korean citizens and did not wish to talk with U.S. officials.

## Professor's arrest criticized

BY JOE McDONALD  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The United States is protesting China's treatment of a Chinese-born American university professor who was detained for two weeks on espionage charges, calling it harsh and inappropriate, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday.

Fei-ling Wang's arrest was the latest in a string of such cases against academics with ties to the United States. He was arrested July 25 in Shanghai and released Aug. 8, when he returned to the United States, where he teaches at the Georgia Institute of Technology, an embassy spokeswoman said.

She said Wang was accused of stealing state secrets but she had no details of the charges, why he was later released or the status of his case.

Wang is barred from returning to China for five years, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a written statement. The two-sentence statement said Wang confessed to "illegally possessing state secrets" but gave no other information.

Wang, a naturalized American citizen, told U.S. diplomats that he was held in solitary confinement for four days and deprived of sleep and water for "extended periods," the spokeswoman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. government plans to lodge a formal protest with China over that delay and the "harsh and inappropriate treatment" given to Wang, the spokeswoman said.

Wang, an associate professor at Georgia Tech's Sam Nunn School of International Affairs in Atlanta, was courted missing by his wife after failing to return from a research trip to China.



An Israeli army soldier pauses Wednesday while police inspect the site of an explosion next to the Kalanda checkpoint between Jerusalem and the West Bank town of Ramallah. The explosion killed two Palestinian men and wounded 13 people.

## Bombing in West Bank kills 2 Palestinians

The Associated Press

KALANDA CHECKPOINT, West Bank — A West Bank militant detonated a large bomb near a busy Israeli military checkpoint Wednesday, killing two Palestinian men and wounding 13 people — 10 Palestinian civilians and three Israeli border policemen.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group responsible for scores of attacks on Israel-

is, apologized for the Palestinian casualties. It said the intended target was Jerusalem, and that the assault hastily set off the 44 pounds of explosives by remote control near the Kalanda checkpoint north of Jerusalem when he felt Israeli security forces were closing in on him.

Thousands cross the checkpoint every day, and the bomber's apparent disregard for Palestinian civilians touched off an emo-

tional confrontation in a West Bank emergency room where some of the wounded were being treated.

A Palestinian man hurt in the attack said it was too early to judge the militants. "I don't want to blame them," said Rafeh Abu Fkhaideh, 47, who had a leg injury.

"Why are you defending them (the militants)?" 35-year-old Nader Omar asked Abu Fkhaideh. "They are wrong."

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# Militants claim to behead CIA agent

BY MAAMOUN YOUSSEF  
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — An Islamic Web site carried a videotape Wednesday that appeared to show militants in Iraq beheading a man they identified as a CIA agent. The authenticity of the videotape could not be verified immediately.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said CIA officials have accounted for all employees and no one is missing.

U.S. officials were working to determine if the tape was authentic, the official said.

The Internet site, regarded as a clearing house for tapes and statements by Islamic extremist groups, displayed footage of eight militants surrounding a seated man who wore a sign around his neck bearing his photograph and the handwritten letters "CIA" along with the Arabic word for "visitor."

In a close-up, the footage showed a masked militant holding a large knife to the man's

throat, the militant chopped repeatedly at the neck, severing the head.

A masked militant was then shown holding the head aloft, and voices were heard yelling "Allahu Akbar" — God is great. There have been at least 80 kidnappings in Iraq — some for ransom and some by militants seeking to drive foreign soldiers from the country. Some of the hostages have been beheaded, including American businessman Nicholas Berg.



A follower of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr holds the helmet of a U.S. soldier captured Tuesday during clashes pitting al-Sadr's Mahdi army against U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf, southern Iraq. Al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia has been battling U.S. forces across Iraq, instructed his fighters to continue their battle even if he is killed or captured.

## U.S. troops prepare for Najaf offensive

BY TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. troops prepared a major offensive to root out Shiite militiamen in the holy city of Najaf, training Iraqi security forces Wednesday to join the assault. In a sign of the operation's sensitivity, the military said Iraq's prime minister must approve.

Fighting persisted in the vast cemetery near Najaf's holiest site, the Imam Ali Shrine, where U.S. commanders say Mahdi Army militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have been holed up [see related story on Page 8]. Gunbattles between militants and coalition forces in two other southern cities killed 18 people.

Farther north, U.S. jet fighters bombed the turbulent city of Fallujah on Wednesday, killing four people, wounding four others and damaging several houses, hospital officials said.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment, but U.S. forces have persistently fought with Sunni Muslim militants holed up in the city. Many of the insurgents believed responsible for the spate of kidnappings, bombings and shooting attacks at coalition forces, Iraqi forces and civilians, are based in the volatile city, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

In Najaf, the Marines said Wednesday they are training Iraqi security forces in preparation for a major assault to root out the fighters.

Speaking of the timing for the planned major assault, U.S. Marine Maj. David Holahan said interim Prime Minister Ayad Alawi "makes the final decision."

It was not known whether commanders were planning a raid into the Imam Ali Shrine, an action that could enrage Iraq's Shiite majority and Shites worldwide. Najaf's governor has given U.S. troops permission to enter the shrine compound.

A raid carried out by Iraqi secu-

city forces may be seen as less provocative to Shiite sensibilities. But many have criticized the Iraqi troops as insufficiently trained or armed.

Militiamen were again firing on U.S. troops from a building just 400 yards from the Imam Ali Shrine. On Tuesday, U.S. helicopter gunships pummeled the multi-story hotel with rockets, missiles and 30 mm cannons, killing 20 people, the military said, in one of the closest strikes yet to the shrine.

"We keep pushing south and they just keep coming," said Capt. Patrick McFall, from the 1st Cavalry Division.

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, Iraq's interim vice president, called on the U.S. troops to withdraw from Najaf.

"Only Iraqi forces should stay in Najaf, these forces should be responsible for security and should save Najaf from this phenomenon of killing," al-Jaafari told Arab TV network Al-Jazeera from London on Wednesday.

Coalition forces said they were operating in the city at the request of the government.

The top health official in Najaf, Falah al-Mahani, said the deteriorating security situation was causing "a real catastrophe" for the health services.

"Ambulances are prevented from reaching the injured people by the clashing parties. Our staff are not able to reach their hospitals. We are paralyzed," he said, adding that the fighting injured 18 members of his staff.

In a statement to his supporters Wednesday, al-Sadr said: "I hope that you keep fighting even if you see me detained or martyred... I thank the dear fighters all over Iraq for what they have done to set back injustice."

The U.S. military has estimated that hundreds of insurgents have been killed in Najaf since fighting began last Thursday, but the militants dispute that. Five U.S. troops have been killed, along with about 20 Iraqi officers.



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# Al-Saur militia taking fight to the grave

## U.S. troops battle cleric's forces in Najaf cemetery

By KARL VICK  
The Washington Post

**NAJAF, Iraq** — Hats flapped out of crypts, startling soldiers creeping through the cemetery with guns up. Graves opened beneath their combat boots. And an old enemy displayed a new professionalism, darting in clearly planned moves between tombstone and mausoleum to stalk the Americans from above ground and below.

In the battle to control one of the world's largest graveyards, U.S. Marines and soldiers say they are coping with a lot, including lingering regret. The vast cemetery in Najaf is sacred to Shiite Muslims, perhaps 2 million of whom lay buried in miles of desert adjoining the shrine of Imam Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Muhammad.

Soldiers involved in the fighting described how many of the most recent graves are marked by photos, which crumble when U.S. forces shell the cemetery walls to reach the militants hiding within.

"Wives, daughters, husbands," said Sgt. Hector Guzman, 28, of the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Regiment. "You just know you're destroying that tomb."

The Houston native shook his head. "It doesn't feel right sometimes."

## Chalabi arrives in Iraq to face charges

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — Ahmad Chalabi, a former Iraqi Governing Council member who fell out of favor with the United States, has returned to Iraq to face counterfeiting charges, an official in his political party said Wednesday.

Arrest warrants for Chalabi and his nephew were issued Saturday by Iraq's Central Criminal Court. The nephew, Salem Chalabi, is wanted for murder.

Ahmad Chalabi, who was in Iran when the warrants were announced, had said he would return to Iraq to clear his name. He arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday afternoon, said Mithal al-Alusi, of Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress group.

"He is back among his people and trying to get some rest before returning to his political duties, trying to help the government and stop the violence," al-Alusi said.

A former member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council, Ahmad Chalabi once enjoyed strong U.S. ties. But he had a falling out with the Americans and was left out of Iraq's interim government.

Saleem Chalabi heads the special tribunal in charge of trying ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

What the reinforced U.S. force in southern Iraq wants to do, commanders say, is destroy the Mahdi army, the militia loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr, the militant Shiite cleric. The militia has bedeviled the American-led occupation of Iraq since October, when its largely impoverished, disaffected young gunmen first ambushed a U.S. patrol in a Baghdad slum. A far larger, sustained uprising in April unfolded much of the occupation's efforts to establish security in Shiite-populated central and southern Iraq.

The current engagement, which began Thursday with another ambush, is billed by all sides as the final showdown.

Al-Sadr this week brushed aside overtures from Iraq's interim government and vowed to fight to his

last drop of blood. Iraqi officials, who consult closely with the U.S. commanders of the 160,000 foreign troops in Iraq, said the door was closed on negotiations.

To close observers, the final signal for decisive battle came with the departure of Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the senior Shiite cleric in Iraq and a longtime opponent of al-Sadr's, who is widely regarded as an upstart. The official explanation — treatment for a heart condition — brings a smile to the lips of U.S. commanders here.

"The people will tell you they want it to end," said Army Lt. Col. Myles Miranasi, a battalion commander in the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Regiment, which hurried from Baghdad on Thursday to reinforce the Marines. "They're ready for this to be over."



An armed Mahdi soldier takes to the streets Wednesday during fighting between British forces and militants loyal to the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the southern city of Basra, Iraq. AP



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# Group surveys sailors on cutting force

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Fleet Reserve Association opposes the U.S. Navy's planned reduction in force, but it wants enlisted sailors to weigh in on the issue and participate in a Web survey.

"We think the plan is flawed," said Michel Garrett, spokesman for the watchdog organization in Alexandria, Va. "It's a shortsighted policy to draw down troops in order to save money, and we think this will have a severe effect on morale."

"But we still want them to participate in the survey. The survey is geared at getting a sense of what the enlisted Navy sailor thinks about what is happening," Garrett said.

The Navy plans to reduce its force by 7,900 active-duty sailors and 2,500 reservists in fiscal 2005, which starts Oct. 1. The FRA said the service has plans to cut the force by 40,000 officers and enlisted sailors over the next six years, but Navy officials said Wednesday

there are no defined numbers beyond fiscal 2005.

Navy leaders have said the service is too big for today's needs, and that paring it down makes good fiscal sense. In March, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark defended the plan, telling members of Congress that Navy technology makes the service's equipment smarter and reduces the need for people.

"I don't want my sailors to think I would cut a sailor to build a ship ... but I don't want to invest one penny in a human resource the Navy doesn't need," Clark said.

But money is not the driving reason behind cutting the number of sailors, said Navy spokeswoman Sharon Anderson.

"We do expect cost savings," Anderson said, "as you would whenever you have fewer people, but that's not the reason we're doing this. We're doing this to meet requirements."

Participants who complete the FRA's online survey do so anonymously since "members often are hesitant to criticize policy," Garrett

said. By the same token, the organization has no way of gauging how many times a person might complete a survey or if the person is an enlisted sailor or in the Navy at all, Garrett said.

"It's not completely scientific; we know that," Garrett said.

FRA is a professional military association that represents Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel on Capitol Hill.

"The input from this survey will assist FRA's advocacy efforts on behalf of active and reserve personnel serving in the U.S. Navy," FRA National Executive Secretary Joe Barnes said in a statement. "The Navy says that it can save \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion annually for each 10,000 sailors it cuts from the force. It fails, however, to give any clue as to the cost savings of cutting the same number of civilian or contract workers."

FRA is conducting the survey on its Web site at [www.fra.org/surveys](http://www.fra.org/surveys). It opened Monday and runs through the end of September.

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Dr. Ed Rottman/VIRAR

A sand fly delivers what could be a parasite-carrying bite that causes leishmaniasis, a disabling and sometimes deadly tropical illness.

## Military ready for sand flies

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Peak leishmaniasis season in Iraq and Afghanistan is approaching, and military health officials are redoubling efforts to arm deployed troops with prevention measures.

Preventive medicine officials are deployed to those countries to brief troops about protection, hand out insecticides containing DEET and make sure troops have mosquito netting for their cots. They also hold pre- and post-deployment briefings.

Entomologists this year are spraying the ground of military bases and camps to kill the sand flies, said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Glenn Wortmann, program director of the infectious disease fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

"With the initial (Iraq) invasion, that was not a top priority," Wortmann said. "Not getting shot was a top priority. What's new is now [health prevention specialists] are there making sure everyone has DEET, everyone has mosquito netting, and the entomologists are spraying insecticides."

The disease, spread by the sand fly's bite, has infected more than 600 troops since early 2003. Most broke out with minor skin lesions.

In Southwest and Central Asia, sand flies are active from March through October, peaking in September in some regions.

The disease is caused by parasites transmitted via sand fly saliva, and comes in three forms: cutaneous, which affects the skin; mucosal, which affects the mouth, nose and throat and can disfigure; and visceral, which affects internal organs and can be fatal if untreated.

The incubation period is about three to six months, meaning a person who has been bitten doesn't show symptoms right away.

Three troops, two out of Afghanistan and one out of Iraq, have been treated for visceral leishmaniasis, Wortmann said.

The three experienced "persistent fevers for weeks on end" and were diagnosed after getting medical treatment at U.S. military hospitals in the States.

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## IN THE STATES

## U.S. government revamping airline screening program

BY LESLIE MILLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than two years and millions of dollars ago, it seemed like a good idea: develop a computerized system that checks airline passengers' backgrounds to make sure they're not terrorists.

But so many people objected to one part of the plan or another that the government is scrapping major portions of the project, the Computer-Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System, commonly known as CAPPS II.

The makeover will include a new name, though that too is a turning out to be a dilemma for the Homeland Security Department.

The working title, "Secure Passage," was abandoned because it had the same initials as another aviation security program.

Dennis McBride, director of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a research institute that focuses on science and technology, was briefed by Homeland Security officials on CAPPS II's progress last week.

"Getting there from here won't be easy," McBride concluded.

The Homeland Security officials working on the project are likely to get rid of one element that CAPPS II's critics dislike: making sure people are who they say they are by running their personal information against commercial and government databases.

Any new system would probably have a different process for verifying identity, according to Homeland Security officials.

Another problem is how to give airline passengers the ability to correct mistakes if they're wrongly identified as terrorists or suspects.

Homeland Security spokesman Dennis Murphy said the department is working on that.

"That's something we clearly intend to test, to have a process for people to get redress if they feel that they're being screened unnecessarily or too frequently," Murphy said.

But what's really needed, say CAPPS II's numerous critics, is for the project's developers to drop their passion for secrecy.

Business Travel Coalition chairman Kevin Mitchell said CAPPS II wouldn't have become a political debate if Homeland Security officials had been open about how the system was supposed to work.

The coalition is an advocacy group that tries to lower the cost of business travel.

"It was badly handled," Mitchell said. "It scared everybody. The lack of transparency and inclusiveness is what really doomed it."

Privacy advocate David Sobel thinks CAPPS II may be so fundamentally flawed that no amount of reshaping or repackaging can save it.

Sobel characterizes CAPPS II as a secret system of surveillance on tens of millions of people who fly on commercial airlines.

"It's a fundamental dilemma that arises when the government attempts to use intelligence information against average citizens," said Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a Washington-based research group.

## 9/11 panel seeking to expand no-fly list

BY DAVID KRAVETS

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Sept. 11 commission wants the federal government to expand the no-fly list airlines now check to keep suspected terrorists off planes, consolidating as many as 12 secret lists maintained by different intelligence agencies.

That worries the American Civil Liberties Union, which has already sued the government, saying the airlines' effort to keep terror suspects and other dangerous people off planes endangers innocent passengers and subjects them to unnecessary searches and delays. Also, the government provides no way for those wrongly named to get themselves removed.

"Right now, if you're on the list, you're in a no-fly jail. There is now no way out of this," said Barry Steinhardt, the director of the ACLU's Technology and Liberty Project.

Commissioners agree the government has a "definite interest" in ensuring the protection of passengers' civil liberties as well as their safety. Their report, however, didn't spell out how the government should im-

prove its checks and balances for the watch lists.

In lawsuits filed in San Francisco and Seattle, the ACLU has demanded the government explain how wrong-flagged travelers — usually targeted because they have names similar to those on the list — can get off it. The ACLU also wants to know how many people are on the list.

"They have to make the best efforts to make sure it's accurate and has to have a procedure to make sure people mistakenly identified can get off the list," Steinhardt said.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, who privately reviewed the government's "sensitive" data, ordered the government in June to further explain why it hasn't disclosed certain documents in response to the ACLU's Freedom of Information Act request.

"In many instances, the government has not come close to meeting its burden, and in some cases, has made frivolous claims of exemption," Breyer wrote.

Authorities have repeatedly refused comment on Breyer's ruling or questions about the no-fly list.

## Officials confirm seeing al-Qaida surveillance tapes of Las Vegas

BY JOHN SOLOMON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Freed from a judge's gag order, FBI officials and Las Vegas police confirmed Tuesday night they learned in the fall of 2002 about two videotapes suggesting terrorists had cased the city's casinos but decided it wasn't necessary to alert the public.

The officials also strongly disputed they didn't take the evidence seriously, as suggested in Justice Department documents obtained by The Associated Press and by a federal prosecutor in Detroit who alerted them to the evidence and spoke publicly of his concerns this week.

The tapes were shown to casinos in the fall of 2002 officials said, but they added there was differing recollections about whether some local officials declined a later opportunity to learn more about the surveillance from an FBI agent from Detroit who had worked on the case.

"We took the tapes seriously," Special Agent David Nanz in Las Vegas said in an interview. "When we get a tape like that ... further investigation is required to determine its relevance. And that's what we did."

Nanz said, however, his office agreed with colleagues in Detroit that both tapes amounted to terrorist surveillance. "We don't dispute those were surveillance tapes," he said.

In documents and interviews reported by AP on Monday, authorities in Detroit alleged as early as September 2002 that Las Vegas authorities didn't want to issue a public warning because of concerns it might hurt tourism or affect the casinos' liability.

Las Vegas authorities denied Tuesday those factors affected their decision.

Nanz said one of the two tapes, the Spanish al-Qaida footage, was still classified at the time and Las Vegas authorities weren't immediately told that a witness, named Youssef Himimssa,



UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT/AP

An image from a United States Justice Department evidence video shows the sign of the Excalibur hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Justice obtained the videotapes in 2002, suggesting terrorists were targeting Vegas.

would corroborate the threat on the Detroit tap by saying members of a terror cell in Detroit had vowed to destroy the tourist city.

"The FBI in Las Vegas was not made aware in advance that Himimssa's testimony would implicate security issues with Las Vegas," he said.

## Mike Wallace arrested

NEW YORK — "60 Minutes" correspondent Mike Wallace, who was placed in handcuffs and taken to a police precinct in a dispute with city parking enforcement inspectors, says he wonders why anyone thought that he, at 86, was a threat.

Wallace was released after being issued a summons citing him with disorderly conduct. He is due in court in October.

Wallace said the dispute began as he was leaving Luke's Restaurant late Tuesday after picking up a take-out order of meatloaf.

Wallace saw two Taxi and Limousine Commission inspectors interviewing his driver, who they said was double-parked outside the restaurant.

The inspectors said they asked Wallace to step away from the car, but he refused, and lunged at one of them, a TLC spokesman told the New York Post.

From The Associated Press

## Fed sees more rate increases

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, anticipating an acceleration of economic growth after the current slow patch, strongly hinted it doesn't plan to take a breather in its campaign to push interest rates higher to keep inflation under control.

Economists had believed the Fed might pause in its credit tightening in September. But now they are saying they fully expect a third rate increase to come at the Fed's Sept. 21 meeting.

The central bank raised rates

Tuesday for the second time this year, pushing its target for the federal funds rate up from 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent.

That move was immediately followed by a quarter-point increase in commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, which climbed from 4.25 percent to 4.5 percent.

Analysts said the Fed sought to project a sense of confidence that the economic slowdown was not a threat to derail the current expansion.

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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Andrews goes back to her roots

Julie Andrews is coming back to "The Boy Friend." The actress made her Broadway debut in 1954 in Sandy Wilson's spoof of the giddy 1920s musical comedy, and now she is directing a revival of the show.

Andrews is overseeing a production that will open next summer at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn., and then travel the country. In the original New York production, she played Polly Browne, an English heiress who falls in love with a delivery boy who turns out to be the son of a wealthy nobleman.

The Goodspeed version will play July 15-Sept. 24, 2005, in Connecticut and then tour, beginning in Wilmington, Del., followed by Boston; Greenville, S.C.; Hershey, Pa.; East Lansing, Mich.; Chicago; Green Bay, Wis.; and St. Paul, Minn. More cities will be announced later.

Andrews, best known for starring on Broadway in "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot" as well as in movie musicals such as "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," first directed "The Boy Friend" last summer in Sag Harbor, N.Y., at the Bay Street Theater, which is run by her daughter, Emma Walton.

Sets and costumes for the new production of "The Boy Friend" will be designed by Andrews' ex-husband, Tony Walton.



Andrews

## 'Idol' hopefuls flock to St. Louis

Tents and long lines marked the landscape outside the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis as some 10,000 "American Idol" hopefuls showed up to audition for the Fox television show.

Contestants began lining up Friday, though producers had told singers not to arrive until 6 a.m. Saturday.

St. Louis police Sgt. Ronald Klier said the crowd was orderly—and talented.

"A lot of them brought their guitars. Some of them sang. I'd say they are pretty good," Klier said. "It takes a lot of guts to get in front of people and sing. I admire that."

On Sunday, contestants processed Saturday were to perform for about 30 seconds. From that pool, about 360 singers were expected to go before executive producers Monday. From there, the field will be cut to about 120. Celebrity judges: **Simon Cowell**, **Paula Abdul** and **Randy Jackson** will pick about 30 singers Wednesday to compete against other finalists in California.

The fourth season of "American Idol" will debut in January.

Auditions will be held in the coming months in Washington; Orlando, Fla.; New Orleans; Las Vegas; Anchorage, Alaska; and San Francisco.

## Former Eagles bassist hospitalized

Former Eagles bassist Randy Meisner, who co-wrote and sang the rock group's classic "Take It to the Limit," has been hospitalized for chest pains, his manager said.

Meisner, 58, was taken to Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank, Calif., on Friday morning, his manager, Kevin White, told The Associated Press.

"He's resting comfortably. He's not experiencing any pain," White said Sunday. "He's doing well."

White said Meisner's wife was at his side and doctors were running a series of tests. His hospital spokesman Brian Greene said he couldn't release any details about Meisner's condition.

Meisner left the Eagles in 1977. He now performs with The World Classic Rockers.

## Duff's set catches fire

Teen star Hilary Duff's show at Gwinnett Arena in Atlanta was halted for nearly an hour after an overhead speaker caught fire.

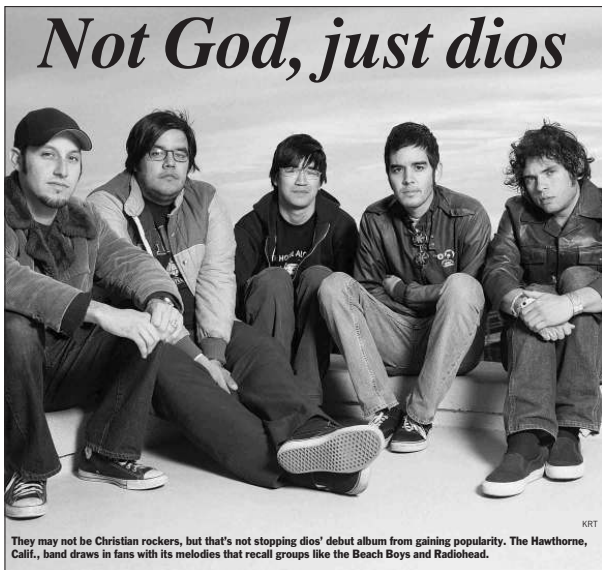
Duff was six songs into her set Sunday afternoon when the speaker short-circuited, sending her band offstage and prompting some front-row audience members to take cover.

Event planners said one was hurt.

"This is by far the craziest show ever," the 16-year-old singer-actress told the audience of 10,000 after staffers had replaced the speaker.



Duff



They may not be Christian rockers, but that's not stopping dios' debut album from gaining popularity. The Hawthorne, Calif., band draws in fans with its melodies that recall groups like the Beach Boys and Radiohead.

BY LEN RIGHI

The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

The question makes the usually steady Joel Morales laugh out loud: Do people ever mistakenly think dios is a Christian rock band?

"Sometimes," replies the 28-year-old singer-guitarist for the Hawthorne, Calif., dream-pop quintet, a bit of mischief creeping into his voice. "I've never been good at naming anything, so when it came to the band we just said, 'Whatever.' ... We even called ourselves God at one point. ... I always wanted to see a marquee that said, 'Tonight: God.'"

Morales also cops to telling a white lie about the band to avoid potential trouble with the law. "We'd be going through Texas and we'd be pulled over and we'd say we play Christian rock," recalls Morales.

"At first they didn't believe us, but when we told them our name, they said, 'OK, that's cool,' and let us go."

On the strength of a near-perfect self-titled debut full of poignant meditations and mesmerizing melodies that recall both masters past (the Beach Boys, John Lennon, Neil Young) and present (Grandaddy, Radiohead), the name of dios is beginning to spread to other parts of the country.

A certain heavy metal singer who once fronted Black Sabbath has taken notice, too. "Ronnie James Dio's lawyer sent us a cease-and-desist letter," Morales says. "It's kind of funny. He said we would confuse [Dio's] public, so we might make [our name] into an acronym. But hey, Dio has heard of us, so we feel good."

Morales, his brother, guitarist-vocalist Kevin Morales, bassist J.P. Caballero, and keyboardist Jimmy Cabeza De Vaca have been in bands together since 1999. When drummer Jackie Monzon signed on a couple of years ago, the dios jelled.

Growing up, Morales listened exclusively to hip-hop. "I.L. Cool J, Kool Moe Dee, the Beastie Boys—everything up until [Dr. Dre's] 'The Chronic.' That was the last hip-hop record I really liked."

Then, "rock really took over," says Morales. "Nirvana, The Beatles, all sorts of metal, Bowie. And there was a punk-rock phase, too."

As a pre-teen Morales "learned a chord or two" on guitar from his dad, "but then [the movie] 'La Bamba' came

out [in 1987] and I had to learn to play."

Over the last five years Morales built up a stockpile of songs, as did his brother Kevin, who is 7½ years younger. "We decided we needed to get something out, so I sat down with my dad and said, 'You pick five songs, I'll pick five songs and we each pick a cover.'"

Kevin chose Young's "Birds," while Joel picked "You Got Me All Wrong," a Floydian tune by Miguel Mendez, who played with Joel in the Berkeley-based band Tawshabella.

Joel, Kevin and the rest of the band spent the next nine months in a practice space with a home recorder creating "dios."

Although there are no individual songwriting credits—

"We didn't care who got credit for what," says Morales—there is a difference in the content of the brothers' songs. "He [Kevin] writes a lot of love songs as opposed to me," says Morales. "Mine are mostly about self-empowerment, about guys and girls losing each other but not pining about it."

He points to "Nobody's Perfect," which opens the disc and whose first words are, "The wait is over baby, feel free to move."

The song is about a former flame with whom Morales is still friends. "She's heard it," he notes, "but she doesn't know it's about her, and I'm not planning to tell her."

"Betsy, my girlfriend now, knows who it's about, and she's not happy about it, because I haven't written a song about her yet."

The way Morales crafted "All Said + Done" also is instructive.

"Things don't necessarily follow in any order," explains Morales.

"One day it means something, the next one something else. ... Overall, it's says you can think you know what you want, but do you really know what you want? ... I try not to be so horribly ironic. But I was listening to a lot of Morrissey at the time I wrote it."

Speaking of Morrissey, dios recently got a big boost from the British post-rock legend.

"We got offered the opening spot for all five shows he played in late April in L.A.," says Morales.

"But we were in Europe and wouldn't be getting back in time to do all of them. Still, he gave us the final one. We were very flattered. A year ago, we were nobody."

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**Joel Morales**  
dios singer-guitarist





## FRIDAY EVENING / AUGUST 13, 2004

MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6 AFN-P	• <b>ESPN</b> Pacific Report	King of the Hill A rapper (N.Y.) player moves in. (CC)	Malcolm in the Middle "Rescue" Reese is locked out. (CC)	The Apprentice "The Price is Height" The remaining candidates compete in the world of Manhattan real estate. (CC)	Allies "Unhired" Vaughn a reluctant to believe Lauren is a real & vice crimes medical facilities. (CC)				Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7 AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Today's Style: L Cool J (CC)				Baby Looney Tunes (E) (CC)	Rock's Modern Love (CC)	The Family Odd-Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger (Part 3 of 3)
8 NEWS	Primetime Thursday (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)						Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9 SPORTS	•(4:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	•SportsCenter	•MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.						•ESPN	•NFL Yearbook: 2003 Teams		
10 SPECT	The Dead Zone "Visions" Johnny sets out to discover the secret of a stalker. (CC)	Boston Public "Chapter Forty-Six" Harper and Guber resolve to pinpoint the source of last week's school riot. (CC)	The Crocodile Hunter Damage done to Australia's ecological balance by crocodiles. (Part 1 of 2)	Toyota World of Wildlife Storage creatures.	Animal Adventures Wildlife view in Alaska.	Butfy the Vampire Slayer "Two to Go; Grave" Vengeance follows Willow's ill-fated return to the junkie arts. (CC)						
11 TMC	(4:30) *** A Shot at Glory (2003) New Campbell. A later ex-fame satirizes a guy's current relationship. R (CC)	•"Too Smooth" (1998) Cedric Dean Paras, Katie Wright. Later ex-fame satirizes a guy's current relationship. R (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N.Y.)	Washington Week With Fortune (N.Y.)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N.Y.)	Now With Bill Moyers (N.Y.)	Deed Like Me "Send in the Clow" George must train her boss' nephew. (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N.Y.)	Back to the Floor (R)	Charlie Rose Denzel Washington (CC)	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.
24 PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E) (CC)	Dragon Tales "Just a Rand" Zaki a Rand	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N.Y.)	Washington Week With Fortune (N.Y.)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N.Y.)	Now With Bill Moyers (N.Y.)	Deed Like Me "Send in the Clow" George must train her boss' nephew. (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N.Y.)	Back to the Floor (R)	Charlie Rose Denzel Washington (CC)	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.
25 SHOW	(4:35) *** "Grandview, USA" (1984) R (CC)	(25) *** "The Sum of All Fears" (2002) Suspense Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman. Terrorist plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in the U.S. PG-13	Biography "The Diamonds: Pure and Simple" A profile of the singing siblings, the Diamonds. (CC)	Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangerous	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Charlie Rose Denzel Washington (CC)	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.
26 DISC	(1:15) Bida Si Mister, Bida Si Mister	(4:45) Private I	Biography "The Diamonds: Pure and Simple" A profile of the singing siblings, the Diamonds. (CC)	Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangerous	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Charlie Rose Denzel Washington (CC)	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.	Family Business Adam is jealous of Myra's date.
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30 CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Asia Tonight	Asia Tonight	Asia Tonight	CNN World News	World Sport	The Music Room	
31 GOLF	•(4:15) PGA Championship Highlights	•Golf Central	•Golf PGA Championship—First Round. From the Straits Course, Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis. (Taped)									
32 TLC	Clean Sweep "Teachers Learn a Lesson" Two teachers learn the ABCs of organization. (CC)	In a Fix "Xia Holiday" Husband spends little time on house. (CC)	While You Were Out "Pro basketball player Lisa Leslie has her mother's kitchen made over. (CC)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)	While You Were Out "Austin: Shades of Water" (N.Y.)
34 TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scoby-Doo: A-Lympics	I Am Wessel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35 ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter "It's a Girl" Steve roams to the hospital for the birth of his daughter. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Giant Monsters (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)	The Jeff Corwin Experience "My Favorite Animals" Jeff discusses his favorite animal encounters. (CC)
36 COM	Late Night Brad Pitt, Janet Jackson. (CC)	The Daily Show	The Daily Show	Mad TV	The Graham Norton Effect (CC)	The World Stars	World Stars	World Stars	World Stars	World Stars	World Stars	World Stars
40 NCA-	Through the Lens Images from the last century.	Toyota World of Wildlife "Sea Creatures"	Planet Wild	Walking with Lions (CC)	Akido Martial Arts	The Whale Indiana						
42 SPIKE	Real TV (CC)	Real TV	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	•• "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979. Science Fiction) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley. The Enterprise challenges a destructive alien force. (CC)	The Bernie Mac "Comedian About Brenden" (N.Y.)	Method & Red "Comedian About Brenden" (N.Y.)	The Jury An American Indian woman is charged with conspiracy to commit murder. (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	Club Comic View Presents Michael Copps' Michael Copps.	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)
43 FOX	Fame "The Old Ball Game" Danny organizes a softball team but the team objects when the girls want to play. (CC)	Blind Date (N.Y.)	Blind Date (N.Y.)	The Bernie Mac "Comedian About Brenden" (N.Y.)	Method & Red "Comedian About Brenden" (N.Y.)	The Jury An American Indian woman is charged with conspiracy to commit murder. (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	Club Comic View Presents Michael Copps' Michael Copps.	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)	BET Nightly News Access Granted (CC)
44 BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Jill Scott Video Walk-Or" (Jill Scott video on air.)	Body of Evidence	Body of Evidence	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
45 COURT	The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Focus	Just Shoot Me	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling
46 STR-W	The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Focus	Just Shoot Me	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling	•Wrestling
47 LIFE	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Married to a Stranger (1997) Drama Jamie Smith, Robert Cohaney, Kim Coates. A husband tries to restore his marriage. (CC)	•• "Addams Family Values" (1993. Comedy) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd. A greedy nanny plans to marry and murder Uncle Fester. (CC)	Nostradamus 500 Years Later Experts examine 10 of the 500 years' most famous prophecies. Part 1 of 2 (CC)	Decisive Battles The account of the Battle of Tewkesbury. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)
48 ABC-F	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven "Holy War" Matt and Sarah appeal to their mother for help with the wedding. (CC)	History/CENTER Democratic National Convention (CC)	Nostradamus 500 Years Later Experts examine 10 of the 500 years' most famous prophecies. Part 1 of 2 (CC)	Decisive Battles The account of the Battle of Tewkesbury. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)
49 HIST	Deep Sea Detectives Marine archaeologists search for the wreck of the Titanic. (CC)	History/CENTER Democratic National Convention (CC)	History/CENTER Democratic National Convention (CC)	Nostradamus 500 Years Later Experts examine 10 of the 500 years' most famous prophecies. Part 1 of 2 (CC)	Decisive Battles The account of the Battle of Tewkesbury. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)
50 STR-W	•(8:30) *** "Callas Forever" (2002) Drama Fanny Ardant, Jeremy Irons, Jean-François. (CC)	•(15) *** "102 Dalmatians" (2000. Adventure) Glenn Close, Joan Gruffudd, Alice Evans. Cruella De Vil has designs on another puppy clutch. (CC)	History/CENTER Democratic National Convention (CC)	Nostradamus 500 Years Later Experts examine 10 of the 500 years' most famous prophecies. Part 1 of 2 (CC)	Decisive Battles The account of the Battle of Tewkesbury. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)	Command Decisions The Will to Succeed. (CC)
51 ADV I	Total Adventure "Climbing Canada"	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the remote Arctic of northern Canada. (CC)	Game for It	Football Fever	Shoot the Creature "Monarch But-terfly"	Total Adventure "Crossing Asia on a motorbike"	Freestyle Man	Surfer's Journal	Game for It	Football Fever	Shoot the Creature "Monarch But-terfly"	Shoot the Creature "Monarch But-terfly"
52 MTV	Backstage Pass	MTV CTR	MTV CTR	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"	Room Raiders "Mi-ami"
53 NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (E) (CC)	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp

## JAPAN TV

**Morning**  
7:30 Disney (12)  
**Evening**  
5:50 News (9)  
7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Yokohama BayStars (4)  
7:30 Athens Olympics 2004 Preview (1)  
9:25 U.S. Movie (2003): Columbo: Murder with Too Many Miles (1:41:34)  
11:00 Music Access (42)  
2:30 U.S. Movie (1987): Great Escape (8)  
2:40 Athens Olympics 2004: Opening Ceremony (1)  
2:50 CBS Documentary (6)  
3:10 U.S. Movie (1989): Great Balls of Fire (1:55:12)  
3:20 French Movie (1998): Le Bouteux (1:20:10)  
3:24 Soccer: Champions World Series (4)

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**Morning**  
6:20 U.S. Movie (2003): Rugrats 2: Rugrats in Paris: the Movie (1:20)  
**Afternoon**  
12:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2:50)  
**Evening**  
9:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Red Dragon (2:10)  
12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 19:10 U.S. Movie (2003): Hamilton (2:15)  
3:15 U.S. Movie (2003): Angel Eyes (1:45)  
5:50 U.S. Movie (2003): James Dean: Outside the Lines (0:59)  
**Morning**  
9:30 Aerobics  
10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert

## JAPAN TV (BS11)

**Afternoon**  
3:00 U.S. Movie (1946): My Darling Clementine (1:40)  
6:00 Aerobics  
6:00 Aerobics  
7:00 NIK News  
8:00 Green-U.S. Movie (1964): Zorba the Greek (2:25)  
12:00 Classical Music: Vladimir Ashkenazy  
**Evening**  
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5:50 U.S. Movie (2003): James Dean: Outside the Lines (0:59)  
**Morning**  
6:00 Top News from Around the World  
6:30 Top News from Around the World  
7:00 Top News from Around the World  
7:30 Top News from Around the World  
8:00 World News Hour  
8:30 Athens Olympics: Soccer: Men's Preliminary: Ghana vs. Italy  
11:00 M.L.B. Minnesota Twins vs. Seattle Mariners

## JAPAN TV (BS7)

**Afternoon**  
2:00 P.S. NewHour  
3:00 CNN News  
4:00 World News Hour  
5:00 CNN News  
5:30 ABC News  
**Evening**  
6:00 Athens Olympics: Soccer: Men's Preliminary: Costa Rica vs. Morocco  
7:00 Athens Olympics: Soccer: Men's Preliminary: Iraq vs. Portugal  
8:00 Top Highlights  
11:00 News  
11:30 Economic News  
2:00 Athens Olympics: Opening Ceremony  
**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
7:00 P.S. News Thursday  
8:00 Top Choice  
9:00 P.S. News  
10:00 The Osbournes Marathon No. 10

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## MTV

**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
7:00 P.S. News Thursday  
8:00 Top Choice  
9:00 P.S. News  
10:00 The Osbournes Marathon No. 10

10:30 Catch Special  
11:00 Hip Hop/R&B Artists VJ Special: P. Diddy, Bad Boy's Wanted  
**Afternoon**  
12:00 Classic '90s  
1:00 Sports  
1:30 Consensus: Pushim  
2:00 Top Choice  
2:30 Top Choice  
4:00 News  
5:00 Hip-Hop/R&B: Diary Special: Asher  
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**Evening**  
6:00 Catch Friday  
7:00 Rocks  
8:00 Catch Prodigy Live in Moscow  
9:00 Screen  
10:30 Track 2: Asher, N.E.R.D.  
11:00 World Chart Express Supported by Honda  
11:30 YATV  
2:00 2 M Size Guest Friday  
3:00 After



## OPINION

# Environment suffers when 'security' is vague

By BRIAN SEGEE

In a post-Sept. 11 world, a strong focus on national security is inevitable and understandable. But in at least one area — the environment — the administration's attempt to bypass environmental regulations under the guise of national security raises serious questions about what information is being kept from public view, and the validity of the administration's justification for doing so.

One important example of this is the Department of Homeland Security's recently announced change in the way it will implement the National Environmental Policy Act. Often called the Magna Carta of our nation's environmental laws, NEPA directs federal agencies to prevent damage to the environment, provide information to the public and include citizens in the decision-making process. The Department of Homeland Security's proposed rules cast aside the principles of public participation and government transparency by allowing the withholding of large, ill-defined categories of information and even entire NEPA analyses when such information is determined to be "sensitive," "classified" or "protected." A broad array of agency activities will be exempted entirely from environmental analysis under the new rule as well.

Without doubt, Homeland Security faces a daunting task in balancing the public's right to know and its duty to provide for safety and security of the nation's citizens. And, as with any other government agency, it also has the responsibility to ensure that its activities do not unduly harm the environment.

The difficulty of these tasks is further heightened by the fact that many of the activities and much of the infrastructure regulat-

ed by the department — including hazardous and toxic materials and storage, pipelines and transmission systems, power plants and biological research — are potential terror targets and potential environmental hazards. Although all can agree that truly sensitive information should be protected, who would want to know whether a hazardous chemical plant or gas pipeline was in their neighborhood or near their children's schools? For 30 years, NEPA has ensured that the public does know about such risks, and that citizens have a voice in proposals that affect their communities and their lives.

Unfortunately, by allowing for the withholding of information without providing for narrow and specific definitions of terms such as "sensitive" or "classified," Homeland Security's proposed rule threatens this vital democratic tradition. Without clear direction, government and industry will tend toward secrecy rather than openness, even in instances that do not implicate national security.

Unchecked, Homeland Security's proposal will allow activities with significant environmental impact to go forward without public review.

The Border Patrol, for example, has deployed thousands of agents in the fragile deserts of the southwestern United States in an effort to stem undocumented immigration. These agents have constructed roads, erected walls and fences, bulldozed desert vegetation and conducted off-road vehicle and low-elevation helicopter patrols in some of that area's most pristine wilderness. Moreover, the agency has now asked for unlimited off-road vehicle access within vast areas of public lands rich with wildlife and rare species, including designated wilderness



areas and national wildlife refuges. Even under existing NEPA rules, it has resisted meaningful public disclosure of these plans.

For the Border Patrol, Homeland Security's proposed rules will provide an easy avenue to withhold information that rightfully belongs in the public domain.

One of the most important lessons of the Cold War was that excessive secrecy does not improve our national security, but can pose major environmental risks, erode governmental accountability and destroy public trust. One example is the Rocky Flats nuclear plant near Denver, where major Cold War-era plutonium fires and hazardous ma-

terial leaks were not revealed to the public until nearly 30 years after the fact.

Thomas Jefferson said that "an informed citizenry is vital to the functioning of a democratic society." For the sake of both our environment and our democracy, our society must continue to err on the side of openness rather than secrecy, and transparency rather than unaccountability. The Department of Homeland Security's proposed environmental rules unfortunately fail to live up to these lofty but essential goals.

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# American Catholics won't march to polls in lock step

The Knights of Columbus jumped to their feet and cheered wildly last week when President Bush affirmed his opposition to gay marriage and abortion at the Knights' international conference in Dallas. But don't think that sexual morality's the only driving force behind Catholic voters.

William McKenzie

In fact, don't assume there's a "Catholic vote," as some analysts suggest. There is a "Catholic force," says New Mexico Knight Levy Leiba. But there is not a monolithic Catholic view on politics. Here's why:

There are 65 million Catholics in the United States. They represent about 25 percent of the public. There's no way such a huge number of people are going to think alike. They clearly aren't going to be a united front when you consider there are Catholics here from Latin America, Eastern Europe and Ireland, to name just three places of origin.

What's more, there are observant Catholics along with nominal Catholics. Observant Catholics actively attend Mass, pay attention to the church's teachings and derive their identity from their Catholicism. Nominal Catholics are less likely to have such a strong identity.

The two also vote differently. Southern Methodist University professor Matthew Wilson studies Catholic voting patterns, and he published in an issue last week that 60 percent of observant Catholics voted for George W. Bush in 2000. Only 40 percent of nominal Catholics did.

The Knights I interviewed last week, from

New Mexico to Delaware to Louisiana to Kentucky, were concerned about personal and sexual morality. But they were quick to add education, the economy and health care to their priorities. Francisco Gomez of New Mexico captured their concerns when he spoke about the need to care for individuals who are left behind, such as the disabled.

This sentiment differs from what you see at many GOP gatherings. At the Knights' convention, there wasn't the hostility toward government that often permeates Republican meetings.

Maybe that's why President Bush emphasized in his speech that there's a role for government in caring for the poor. Perhaps he recognizes that he doesn't have Catholics in his hip pocket like he does many evangelicals.

"Catholics are a receptive audience for the president, not a captive one," says

SMU's Matt Wilson. "They are torn in two different directions."

There's a good reason for the tear. Catholics have decades of social teachings to consider. Unlike Protestants, they have statements from their church's hierarchy that carry weight. And not all of them are about abortion.

Look at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement on faithful citizenship. Its issues range from upholding the dignity of all life, recognizing God's preference for the poor, respecting the rights of workers and caring for God's creation. To put it in political terms, the bishops' list of priorities crosses partisan lines.

What's more, top Vatican official Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger announced last month that it's OK for Catholics to vote for a candidate who doesn't oppose abortion. If a voter feels a candidate's position on other issues out-

weighs his or her stand on abortion, Cardinal Ratzinger said, then the voter is free to support that person.

It's a shift from only a few months ago, when Catholics were debating whether to deny communion to a Catholic politician who favors the right to an abortion. My hunch is that it will help John Kerry with nominal Catholics. (For the record, none of the dozen Knights I interviewed supported denying pro-choice Catholic John Kerry communion. What struck me was their sense that we are all sinners.)

Catholic voters remain a fascinating force to watch. My hunch is that Bush and Al Gore did in 2000. There are too many different parts of American Catholicism for one candidate to dominate.

William McKenzie is an editorial columnist for The Dallas Morning News.

## Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



## Escaped recaptured

**TN** WHITEVILLE — A convicted murderer serving a life term who escaped was recaptured after a search by more than 70 officers aided by aircraft and dogs.

Tracy Lynn Harris, 26, was apprehended outside Bolivar, Hardeman County Chief Deputy Doug Brown said.

Harris had escaped from the privately owned Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville, nine miles from Bolivar, by cutting through a chain-link fence. Authorities believe he acted alone.

Harris gave up without a fight, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson said.

"People had called in several sightings throughout the day," Johnson said.

Harris is serving life without parole for the 1998 rape and murder of an 81-year-old woman.

## Gov.'s efforts cost state

**NE** LINCOLN — Nebraska will pay \$141 million for blocking efforts to build a low-level radioactive waste dump but will not be obligated to allow a dump in the state, under the settlement of a lawsuit accepted by a five-state compact.

The dump was to have been built in the northeast part of the state and take waste from the compact, which consists of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Lincoln had ruled in 2002 that former Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, now a U.S. senator, engaged in a politically motivated and orchestrated plot to keep the regional dump from being built in Nebraska.

Kopf ordered Nebraska to pay damages, but did not address the issue of where the dump should be placed.

## Beauty queen guilty

**MN** MINNEAPOLIS — A former beauty queen who collected more than \$190,000 in Social Security benefits by claiming she was disabled was convicted of fraud.

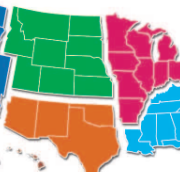
A federal jury found Denise Henderson, 44, guilty of wire fraud and of making false statements and concealing information from the Social Security Administration.

An attorney for Henderson, Mrs. Minnesota International in 1999 and Mrs. Iowa International in 2001, has said she suffers debilitating chronic pain from a 1995 car accident.

Federal prosecutors noted during the trial that Henderson collected benefits while making over 200 appearances as Mrs. Minnesota International in a year. Henderson, of Woodbury, currently serves as a director for several pageants.

According to a report she filed in 1997, Henderson said she had continuous back and neck pain and could not move or straighten up, had migraines four or five times a week that lasted most of a day and could not drive for more than 20 minutes at a time.

Her attorney, Earl Gray, said Henderson's pageants didn't re-



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quire physical exertion, and she didn't earn a paycheck.

## Runoff canceled

**GA** ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court has canceled a scheduled runoff election for an open seat on the state Court of Appeals, acting in a lawsuit filed by a candidate who fell 382 votes short from advancing to the runoff and whose first name was wrong on some ballots.

Howard Mead challenged the results of the July 20 nonpartisan general election after finishing behind Debra Bernes and Michael Sheffield. He contended in his lawsuit that he was incorrectly listed as Thomas Mead on 481 absentee ballots in Laurens County.

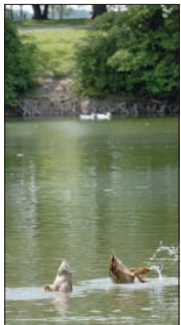
A superior court judge in Cobb County ruled against Mead, contending an incorrect first name on absentee ballots did not call the election results into question.

The top two finishers in the election — Bernes and Sheffield — had been set to face each other in the runoff since no candidate had exceeded the state required 45 percent of the vote to win the seat.

## Search ended

**CA** FAWNSKIN — Authorities called off their search for a 9-year-old boy missing for more than a week in the San Bernardino Mountains after hundreds of deputies and volunteer searchers failed to turn up any trace of him.

David Gonzales was on a camp-



## Synchronized feeding

Ducks dive for food in a synchronized pattern at the Smith Park pond in Middletown, Ohio.

ing trip with members of his church July 31 when his mother said she gave him the keys to the family truck so he could get some cookies. The truck was locked with the cookies still inside when his parents discovered he was missing.

For nine days, searchers on foot and horseback, in helicopters, boats and all-terrain vehicles had scoured the sky pine and cedar forest on the edge of Big Bear Lake, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

## Grisly greeting

**ME** ROCKLAND — Two Maine State Prison inmates who allegedly conspired to mail a police crime scene photograph of a murder victim's body to his mother in Kennebunk are being tried for harassment.

If found guilty of the misdemeanor, or Steven Schaff, the man who murdered Devin O'Brien in 1996, and Michael Willings could have six months added to their respective sentences.

Debbie O'Brien said the photo showing her son's body stuffed inside the trunk of a car was enclosed with a Thanksgiving-themed greeting card. She said she opened the envelope on July 19, 2001, which would have been Devin's 26th birthday.

Inside were the words, "P.S. Thinking of you. Happy birthday."

Schaff, 32, is serving 28 years for killing Devin O'Brien on April 25, 1996, in a Lyman gravel pit.

## Danger lurks for train

**TX** HOUSTON — Once called the "train to nowhere," Houston's new rail line to the Astrodome is earning a few new nicknames: "Danger Train," the "Wham Bam Tram" and "A Streetcar Named Disaster."

More than 50 collisions have occurred along the 7.5-mile route since it opened in November, prompting residents to keep a running tally on Web sites and transportation experts to suggest raising the line above street level.

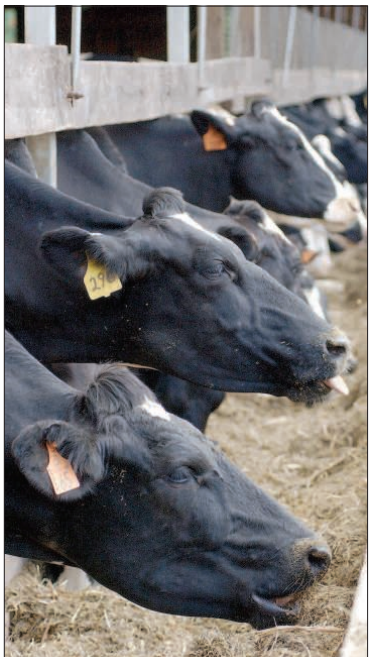
Rail promoters promised the sleek gray trains would take cars off the road, "they've just done it one car at a time," said John Gaver, who started the Wham-Bam-Tram counter, a Web site that chronicles each crash.

The MetroRail averages six crashes a month — a rate 20 times worse than the national average for the nation's 17 light rail systems, according to the Federal Transit Administration.

## Rating landlords

**MI** ANN ARBOR — University of Michigan students will be able to rate their landlords online and comment on their housing experience. The Web site is a project of the Michigan Student Assembly. The new site, linked to the University of Michigan's computer network, will let students rate their landlords and the condition of their apartments on a five-point scale and comment on their experiences. The site is expected to be up in September.

Landlords worry that only dissatisfied students will take the time to comment.



## Waste not

Matthew Freund's 225 dairy cows produce the raw product and energy required to make a biodegradable fiber pot in East Canaan, Conn.



## Wild water

Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions owner Bob Ferguson rides the rapids of the King's River in King's Canyon National Park, Calif.





**Budding artist** Lauren Winter, 6, draws a picture outside her Dubuque, Iowa, home.



**Painful landing** Josh McCreadie is thrown from a bull during the Santa Barbara Old Spanish Days Fiesta Stock Horse Show and Rodeo in Santa Barbara, Calif.



**Peaceful dive** A snorkeler swims at Balmorhea State Park near Toyahvale, Texas. Balmorhea, in the desert, features a spring-fed swimming area with depths to 30 feet and excellent visibility.

## Homeless hero

**PA** UPPER DARBY — A homeless man is being hailed as a hero after chasing down an alleged purse snatcher, tackling him and holding him down until police arrived.

Loretta Ferraro, 68, was in the Chef's Spot restaurant waiting for a friend when she said a man tried to grab the handbag out of her lap. The two engaged in a tug-of-war, but the man prevailed and bolted out the door.

The suspect ended up fleeing right past a homeless shelter where Kevin Runkle had just stepped outside to smoke a cigarette. Runkle said he noticed the commotion and took off after the man, identified by police as Hyo Lee.

## Monitoring money instead

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Jeb Bush has eliminated a state program that monitored juveniles under house arrest through electronic ankle bracelets. The program, which cost \$2.2 million annually, covered 8,652 children in the last fiscal year. The decision was a cost-savings effort. Bush spokesman Jacob DePietre said counties could continue the program on their own.

## Child protection criticized

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — Child Protective Services intends to carry out an additional 3,000 investigations during the next fiscal year in the wake of criticism over the handling of several abuse and neglect cases.

Agency officials are planning to conduct 131,700 investigations in the fiscal year that starts in September, up from 128,700 this year, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The Texas Legislature allocated extra funding last year for the hiring of 356 more caseworkers. The agency hired 178 this fiscal year and plans to hire the rest next year.

## GOP opposes measure

**CA** SAN DIEGO — Capping a three-day state convention, California Republicans voted Sunday to oppose a November ballot measure that would provide \$3 billion in state bonds for human embryonic stem cell research in California.

Although President Bush has cited ethical issues in arguing against the expansion of such research, party members framed their voice vote largely as a budget issue. They said the state can't afford \$3 billion in interest payments that would bring the true cost of Proposition 71 to \$6 billion.

The state's most prominent Republican, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, has taken no position on the stem cell ballot measure. He said in June that he supports stem cell research, but he has also campaigned against the state going deeper into debt.

## Crushing bathroom crisis

**CT** NAUGATUCK — A man who believes the town crushed his sewer line says he'll

use the bathroom in Town Hall every morning until the problem is solved.

Robert Antidormi has accused the town of recently laying a storm pipe over his sewer line, causing backups that prevent his family from using their bathroom.

While his wife, Lisa, and three young sons have opted to stay with family out of town, Antidormi is staying put.

"It's not my fault," he told the Republican-American of Waterbury. "It's the town's place to make good on their mistake."

Mayor Ron San Angelo disagrees, saying town residents are responsible for their sewer lines.

## Women could win seats

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — Voters this fall could elect women to five of the top six statewide offices on the ballot, including governor and state senator, which would be unprecedented in state history. The women running are four Democrats and two Republicans.

Previously, the most female candidates on one general election ballot was three in 1992. The only statewide office on the ballot this year lacking a female nominee is attorney general.

## Stomach-turning trip

**MD** LANHAM — At least 90 people attending a conference at the University of Maryland were taken to hospitals with possible cases of food poisoning, university officials said.

Most of the patients were high school students from across the country attending a leadership conference, university spokesman Ellen Curtis said. They complained of nausea and were taken to hospitals in buses.

Most of the patients were being treated at Doctors Community Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said. Others were taken to Washington Adventist Hospital, university officials said.

The source of the potentially tainted food was unclear, Curtis said. They had eaten turkey and taco box lunches, though it unclear whether they came from Campus Food Services.

## Deadly driving rage

**KS** WICHITA — A bar patron rammed his pickup truck into several people, killing one and injuring two others, after a fight in the bar moved outside, police said.

Several people who had been kicked out of Champs Bar and Grill after an argument broke out were throwing punches in the parking lot when a man got into his truck and drove into several people, Wichita police Lt. John Speer said.

Speer said the man then drove around the building, striking three vehicles before fleeing.

Police said they arrested a 24-year-old man at his southern Sedgewick County home, and booked him on counts of reckless second-degree murder and attempted reckless second-degree murder.

Photos and stories from wire services

# Horoscope

With Mercury transiting retrograde, an element of the unpredictable influences events — mostly due to communication that somehow goes awry. In another week, such mishaps will cease to be amusing or cute, so make sure you take steps not to repeat the same mistake twice. The evening is especially lively with both the moon and sun in Leo.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**AUGUST 13.** You're strong enough to go to it. It's a year when you surrender your vision to the universe and watch it manifest around you. If you're involved in a committed relationship, things get even deeper before mid-September. If single, you'll be having too much fun playing the field to worry about a ring. Love signs are Sagittarius and Aries.

## AQURIES (March 21-April 19).

Love makes the world feel inspiring. You're hopeful even when others give up, which is the key to your success. Though you push yourself to finish what you start, you still may need to work this weekend, so don't plan too much.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Ideas turn to gold, but you must do the groundwork in order to reap benefits. Build the mystery in a love relationship. If your priorities are straight, you won't be discarding friendship for passion.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Make contact, sell, persuade, and learn what you need to know to get what you want. It's a day of extraordinary energy and possibility. Save some energy for family tonight. Love is your ace; take care of it with thoughtful acts.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Find ways to fit travel into your budget. Creative abilities are enhanced when you're aware of different cultures. Also, if you haven't been reading, this is the perfect time to start. Your imagination needs stimulation.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Though it's a lucky day in many ways, you

must stay aware. In unfamiliar territory, you are easily disoriented — pay attention to the little things, like where you parked the car and what you did with your house key.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A person who has true character is a person who challenges him- or herself even in the midst of complacent people — in other words, a person like you. Keep it up. Tonight, you are under romantic fire.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Just because someone is in charge doesn't make that person right. Question authority. Financial decisions have far-reaching implications. Don't agree on budget resolutions, though you want to be impressive to dates.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Accept yourself as you are. Write down your frustrations, and burn them for your luck, releasing resentments. You are unusually impressive in the evening, but there's no need to take things personally.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

An old flame dreams of getting you back. Show some emotional muscle tone and real wisdom. At the first sign that someone is not what you want in your life, turn around and run in the opposite direction.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Let your personality shine as it opens doors previously closed. Exploring makes your heart sing, and the wider the terrain, the more you love it. Saying no to someone tonight takes courage, but it is the right thing to do.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You are influential and savvy. Changes at work have you worried, but you will not be affected. Socialize with business associates, though you don't see the benefit yet. Return at telephone calls, even to telemarketers.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Forget about your love life for a few hours, and it will magically improve. When loved ones know that you're OK on your own, they get worried. Artists need encouragement to take steps to move into a more satisfying career.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



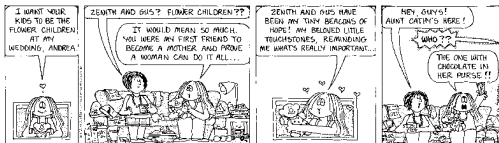
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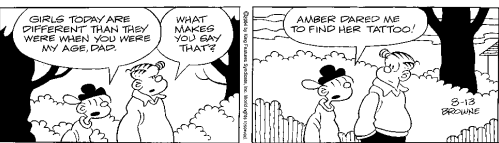
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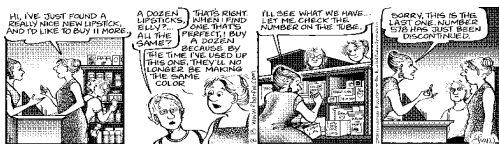
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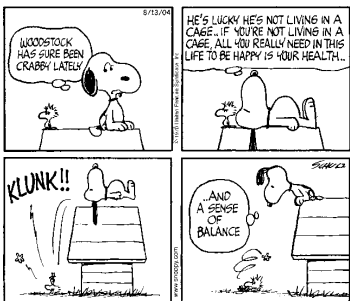
## Red and Rover



## Better or Worse



## Peanuts



## Foxtrot



**B.C.**



## Baby Blues



## Spider Man



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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 31 Primary study
- 34 Autumnal quaff

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| 10 | Have a bug             | 44 | Nourishes                     |
| 11 | Benicio — Toro         | 45 | Note from the boss            |
| 12 | Stare stupidly         | 46 | Went blonde                   |
| 13 | Endangered layer       | 48 | 1989 Jack                     |
| 23 | Common surname         | 49 | — movie                       |
| 24 | Spacecraft compartment | 49 | 29-Across accessory           |
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### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** TO MANY MOTORISTS, RETRIBUTION MAY RIGHTFULLY BE THOUGHT OF AS A TOOT FOR A TOOT

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See, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever found, is on display at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

## T. rex bulked up as teen, died early

BY MALCOLM RITTER

The Alchemist Press

NEW YORK — Here's a dinosaur finding that parents can appreciate: The teenage Tyrannosaurus rex typically went through an explosive growth spurt, gaining nearly 5 pounds a day.

During that spurt, from age 14 to 18, the creature picked up most of its eventual adult weight of around 6 tons, new research indicates. It stopped growing around age 20 and apparently died by 30.

T. rex was "the James Dean of dinosaurs" — it lived fast and died young," said Gregory Erickson of Florida State University, one of the scientists presenting a study of the reptile's growth pattern in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. In contrast, he said, while an African elephant's growth reaches a plateau at around the same age and weight, that animal lives past age 50.

The work offers a partial answer to a long-standing question

about dinosaurs: How did they get so big? Did they grow slowly for a long time, like ancient crocodiles? Or did they grow very quickly for a shorter period? Or was it a combination? The question must be studied separately for various kinds of dinosaurs, experts said.

T. rex was one of the largest meat-eaters ever to walk the land when it died out some 65 million years ago. At an elephantine 6 tons, it stretched about 40 feet to 45 feet long and measured about 13 feet tall at the hip. The adult skull alone was 5 feet long, with teeth up to a foot long.

Thomas Holtz Jr. of the University of Maryland, who didn't participate in the new study but is important and said it could help answer other questions about T. rex. For example, he said, it looks like the creature got so big after age 12 that it might not have been able to run as fast as before. So maybe it stopped running after prey and turned more to either scavenging or ambushing its meals, he said.

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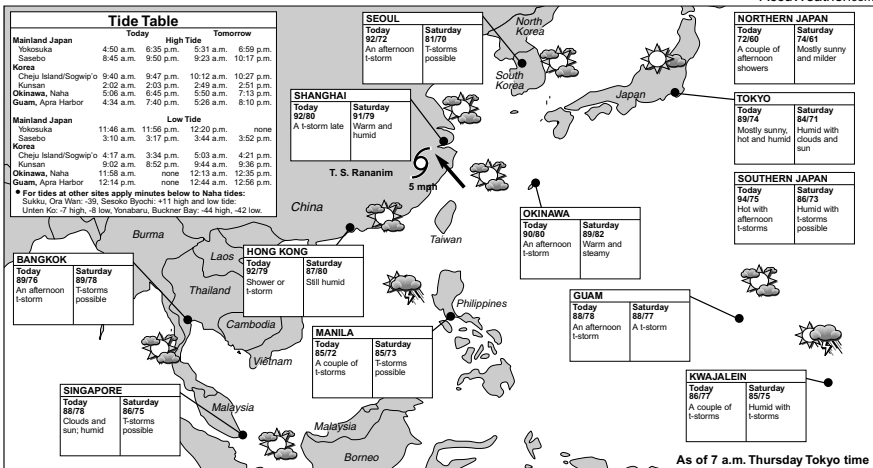
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## The Pacific Forecast



### Extended Forecasts

**TOKYO**  
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 82, low 70.  
Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 68.

**KADENA**  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 80, low 67.  
Monday: Partly sunny, high 92, low 83.

**SEOUL**  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 67.  
Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 80, low 63.

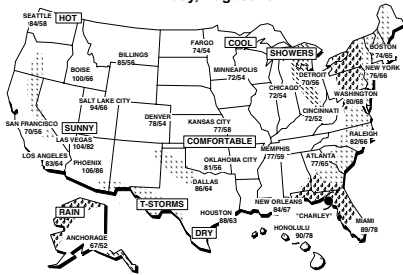
**MANILA**  
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 73.  
Monday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 72.

**HAGATNA**  
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 77.  
Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 78.

### Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	91/64	Los Angeles	87/67
Amarillo	78/57	Little Rock	83/61
Anchorage	70/55	Louisville	79/57
Ashville	81/61	Miami	93/80
Baltimore	87/67	Milwaukee	64/50
Birmingham	88/69	Nashville	82/61
Bismark	67/45	New York	85/72
Boise	96/64	Omaha	69/50
Boston	84/67	Orlando	91/74
Brownsville	94/76	Philadelphia	86/70
Buffalo	75/56	Phoenix	109/88
Burlington	80/64	Pittsburgh	78/63
Charleston, SC	85/72	Portland, OR	96/56
Charlotte	87/66	Portland, ME	77/64
Cleveland	71/53	Salt Lake City	94/62
Columbus, OH	76/55	St. Louis	75/53
Duluth	59/44	San Antonio	96/68
El Paso	98/70	San Diego	92/78
Hartford	81/66	San Juan	92/78
Helena	87/49	Tampa	91/76
Indianapolis	74/50	Tulsa	75/55
Jacksonville	89/74	Washington	88/70
Kansas City	74/49	Wichita	78/55

### Friday, August 13



### U.S. Extended Forecast

All eyes will be on Bonnie as it moves inland, likely spreading some heavy rain to the Southeast and possibly up the Atlantic Seaboard Friday into Saturday. An increase in monsoonal moisture will increase coverage of showers and thunderstorms across portions of the Desert Southwest. The core of cooler air will begin to lift out of the Great Lakes and allow more sunshine with more seasonable temperatures. A ridge of high pressure will continue to dominate the Pacific Northwest with sunshine and warm temperatures.

### Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/76	Iwakuni	88/71
Beijing	85/68	Kadena AB	90/80
Camp Casey	89/71	Kunsan AB	85/71
Christchurch	52/32	Kwajalein	86/77
Diego Garcia	78/72	Manila	85/72
Hagatna	88/78	Misawa AB	82/64
Hanoi	84/80	Osan	89/71
Hong Kong	92/79	Perth	62/43
Honolulu	90/78	Pusan	84/72
		Tokyo	89/74

### Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/77	Budapest	84/58	Kabul	100/69	Nairobi	76/51
Athens	93/74	Buenos Aires	72/54	Kiev	77/57	New Delhi	90/76
Auckland	59/48	Cairo	98/69	London	11/58	Oslo	73/57
Baghdad	107/76	Cancon	88/74	Paris	70/54	Peris	65/46
Barbados	88/71	Cape Town	65/41	Madrid	89/66	Rio de Janeiro	66/54
Barcelona	76/65	Geneva	68/51	Mexico City	75/55	Rome	88/64
Berlin	71/52	Istanbul	81/67	Montreal	70/59	St. Petersburg	61/43
Bermuda	83/73	Jerusalem	90/68	Mogadishu	84/70	Stockholm	65/47
Brussels	64/45	Johannesburg	74/51	Moscow	65/47	Warsaw	71/50



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# Winslow Jr. ends holdout, signs with Browns

## TE taken sixth gets six-year deal reportedly worth up to \$40 million

BY JOE MILICIA

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Kellen Winslow Jr. can begin his pursuit of eclipsing his father's Hall of Fame career.

He's already made more money without catching a pass.

Winslow signed a six-year contract Wednesday morning with the Cleveland Browns and was attending his first practice, wearing a No. 11 jersey, team spokeswoman Julia Payne said.

A team source told The Associated Press the deal has a base salary of \$20 million and could be worth up to \$40 million if Winslow reaches all his incentives. It also includes a \$16.5 million signing bonus, according to the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The 6-foot-4, 250-pound Winslow is the son of Hall of Fame tight end Kellen Winslow Sr. and calls himself "The Chosen One."

Winslow Jr. says he expects to exceed his father's accomplishments. Winslow Sr. says that at this point, his son is better than he was.

The Browns have not had a tight end with Winslow Jr.'s combination of size, speed and athleticism since Hall of Famer Ozzie Newsome in the 1980s.

The Browns moved up one spot in April's draft to select the former Miami star with the sixth selection, sending the seventh overall pick and a second-round pick to Detroit.

The team and Winslow's agent, Kevin Poston, were reportedly \$12 million to \$22 million apart

during the negotiations, with Poston seeking a contract similar to the six-year, \$54.6 million deal that he negotiated for wideout Charles Rogers last year with Detroit.

But a series of talks that began over the weekend between Poston and Browns President John Collins culminated in a deal Tuesday night.

Poston is a renowned tough negotiator who along with his brother, Carl, represents other prominent NFL clients currently in contract holdouts.

Winslow began his 12-day holdout on July 30 when Poston rejected the Browns' initial offer — a six-year, \$40 million deal that matched what Washington game safety Sean Taylor, the No. 5 selection.

The deal Winslow agreed to was for the same amount but includes a higher signing bonus and base salary.

Last week, Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia implied Winslow to get to camp, saying, "You are going to get your riches no matter what, but you need to think about the team."

Garcia said he and Winslow have traded phone messages in which the rookie said he was frustrated with negotiations.

Winslow has a reputation as a fiery competitor, which has caused him problems in the past.

In his final season with the Hurricanes, he made headlines for a postgame tirade following a loss to Tennessee in which he called himself a soldier and compared the game to being at war. He later apologized.



Kellen Winslow Jr. (11), shown at Cleveland Browns minicamp in April, ended his 12-day holdout, giving the Browns their most athletic tight end since the '80s.

# QB Warner to start first exhibition game

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Kurt Warner will start ahead of Eli Manning in the New York Giants exhibition opener.

Coach Tom Coughlin made that announcement Wednesday, but added that the competition for the starting job between the two-time MVP and the No. 1 pick in last April's draft remains tight.

"Are they even? I would say 'Yes,'" Coughlin said in designating Warner to start Friday night against Kansas City at Giants Stadium. "Whoever has the opportunity to play with the starters, that's who usually has his better practices. From that standpoint, they are. Now we will see how they separate out."

Warner will play into the second quarter, with Manning running the offense until at least the middle of the third quarter. Jesse Palmer will finish.

"I've been a backup before so it won't be hard," said Manning, who signed a six-year, \$45 million contract last month. "Kurt's already played a bunch of games, and he knows what it's like. It's my job to watch and learn from him and just try to get a feel of the game."

The last time Manning didn't start was at Mississippi as a redshirt freshman in 2001. He played six games as a reserve.

Getting the starting nod didn't surprise Warner, the former St. Louis Rams signed by the Giants in June to give them more than to run the team until Manning was ready.

"Just the way they played out in college, I don't want to say I assumed that, but it looked like it was leaning in that direction, at least for this first game," Warner said.

Coughlin plans to keep some of his starters on the field when Manning takes over. The coach declined to say whether Manning



would be given a chance to start next week in the exhibition game at Carolina.

"I'm not talking about the second preseason game. We'll look at one game and see where we are," Coughlin said.

**Cardinals:** Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin, last season's offensive rookie of the year, underwent arthroscopic surgery Wednesday after tests found torn cartilage in his right knee.

Coach Dennis Green called the injury "a slight tear" and said Boldin should be able to return within weeks, suggesting he would be ready for the regular-season opener at St. Louis on Sept. 12.

The Cardinals start their exhibition schedule Saturday at Minnesota.

Boldin missed his junior year at Florida State because of reconstructive surgery on a tendon in his left knee.

This time, his knee was sore Monday and he sat out the always intense morning practice. On Tuesday, he was warming up for practice when his knee locked up.

**Eagles:** Jevon Kearse returned to practice Tuesday after leaving the field on Monday with a sprained left ankle.

"The ankle is 100 percent better," Kearse said. "If it wasn't well, I wouldn't have been able to practice."

Kearse plans to play in the preseason opener on Friday night against New England.



Giants quarterback Kurt Warner will play into the second quarter Friday night against Kansas City before giving way to No. 1 overall draft pick Eli Manning.

he hurt his ankle — the same one he injured last year in Tennessee, forcing him to miss two games.

Meanwhile, backup quarterback Koy Detmer underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. He is expected to miss about two weeks. Veteran Jeff Blake will be the second-team quarterback for the Eagles on Friday.

**Jaguars:** Jacksonville waived kicker Seth Marler on Tuesday after he strained his quadriceps muscle several times during the first week of training camp.

Coach Jack Del Rio said that if Marler clears waivers the Jaguars would re-sign him and place him on injured reserve for the season.

Marler was the regular kicker for the team last season, making 20 of 33 field goals.

The injury leaves Jacksonville with Jeff Chandler and Josh Scobee competing for the job.

**Lions:** Linebacker Boss Bailey will miss at least two to three weeks while recovering from arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Trainer Al Bellamy said Bailey was to undergo surgery Wednesday in Athens, Ga., to repair damaged cartilage.

# Bryant case prosecutors request indefinite delay

BY JON SARCHIE

The Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors have asked the judge in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case to put the trial on hold indefinitely, saying courthouse gaffes have crippled the chances of seating an unbiased jury and suggesting the accused is not ready to testify against the NBA star.

Legal experts say the request could be the first step toward dropping the case altogether now that the accused has used Bryant in civil court for monetary damages. They said the civil case will hurt prosecutors because the defense can argue that the 20-year-old woman is simply after Bryant's money.

"If prosecutors are looking for a face-saving way out, this is it," legal analyst Andrew Cohen said.

Jury selection in the criminal case is scheduled to begin Aug. 27. It was not known when the judge might rule on the request.

In a court filing made public Wednesday, prosecutors and Bryant said the recent release of closed-door testimony hurt the chances of getting a fair jury. She also said the judge has not yet decided whether the woman's mental health and medical history would be admitted as evidence, leaving prosecutors in limbo on whether to hire more expert witnesses. Easter also asked defense experts of waiting too long to turn over DNA test results.

Easter singled out transcripts from a June hearing that were mistakenly e-mailed to seven news organizations, including The Associated Press. The media outlets won a court fight with the judge to publish the details, including a defense expert's explanation on why she believes the accused had sex with someone after hearing with Bryant's attorney that she was examined at a hospital — a claim the woman's attorney has denied.

The widely publicized allegation was "extremely harmful" to the prosecution's case, Easter said, and District Judge Terry Ruckriegle's strict gag order has prevented prosecutors from responding.

"The release of this information 28 days prior to trial will have the effect of tainting the jury pool and impact the ability of the prosecution to obtain a fair jury at this time," Easter wrote.

Prosecutors filed their request for a delay on Tuesday, the same day attorneys for the accused filed the civil lawsuit against Bryant in federal court in Denver seeking compensatory damages of at least \$75,000 and unspecified punitive damages.

Attorneys for the accused and Bryant did not return messages. Prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan declined to elaborate on the filing, but said a trial was still planned.

"We are still moving forward; nothing has changed," she said.

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault. He has said he had consensual sex with the woman, then 19, at the Vail-area resort where she worked last summer. The Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted.

Experts said it was unlikely Ruckriegle will agree to a delay at such late notice. Nearly 1,000 Eagle County residents have been mailed jury summonses, witnesses from around the country have been scheduled to testify, and the judge and attorneys on both sides have cleared their calendars for September, said Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor following the case.

"It is an incredible logistical task to reschedule all of this," he said. "What will happen is once the continuance is denied, I would not be surprised if the prosecution throws up its hands and says 'Well, then, we cannot proceed.'"



Team USA's Lisa Leslie (9) is on her third Olympic team and has not experienced a loss in the Summer Games. Olympic teammate Tina Thompson is at right. The Americans open against New Zealand on Saturday.

## Setting a gold standard

### U.S. women hungry to win third straight crown

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

How refreshing! A group of professional basketball players excited about going to Athens. No one offered a lame excuse for staying home, no one wiped out. For the U.S. women's basketball team, the Olympics — no matter what uncertainties may surround the site — is still a big deal.

While USA Basketball practically begged NBA players to fill out the men's roster, organizers on the women's side had more players trying to get on the team than seats available.

DeLisha Milton-Jones wanted to play so badly that she spurned surgery after tearing a knee ligament in February — an operation that would have sidelined her at least six months. Instead, she went to a doctor in Austria for treatment.

She later injured the knee during a WNBA game and will have surgery, keeping her out of the Olympics.

One WNBA coach, Detroit's Bill Laimbeer, got mad because two of his players weren't selected.

Swim Coach is so excited about seeing Athens that she's taking her mother. Sheryl Swoopes is thinking about taking her 7-year-old son.

"Let me put it this way," said Renee Brown, who chaired the selection committee and is the WNBA's vice president of player personnel. "The 12 we went after all said yes."

Three of them are on their third Olympic team: Swoopes, Lisa Leslie and Dawn Staley. Katie Smith and Yolanda Griffith are back from the 2000 team.

All six could have been forgiven for a been-there-done-that attitude even for just wanting a break. The Olympics come two-thirds of the way through the WNBA season, which is taking a one-month hiatus to free up players for Athens, including some who'll represent other nations.

"My feeling on it is this," Staley

said. "The NBA has been around for a very long time. They make a lot of money. It isn't the pinnacle of their career. It isn't what they strive to do. It isn't the highest level of play for them."

Whereas the women, the WNBA hasn't been around for that long. Reaching the peak of our career was playing in the Olympics. We didn't have that route in the United States. Until the WNBA has been around for a while, I do believe the Olympics is the best experience for women."

The six first-time Olympians will find out what that experience is all about. Three were teammates on a national championship team at Connecticut: Cash, Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi. They're joined by a former college rival, Tamika Catchings of Tennessee, and WNBA veterans Tina Thompson and Shannon Johnson.

It's a nice mix of experience and eager young players, a team that has shooters, rebounders, inside scorers, ballhandlers and tough defenders.

It also has a male coach, Van Chancellor, a first for a U.S. women's Olympic team. Chancellor has won four WNBA titles with the Houston Comets and guided the United States to the gold medal in the 2002 world championships, where his team had eight of the 12 Olympians.

"We just picked the 12 players we thought would best represent USA Basketball," Chancellor said. "Now, as it turned out, we got experience, we got youth, we got good athletes. We've just got to perform."

What the team doesn't have is time.

Chancellor didn't have his entire team together for the first time until Aug. 3, just 11 days before their Olympic opener against New Zealand.

While going 13-0 in exhibition games during a winter and spring training period, only a few of the 12 were together at one time. Cash and Taurasi weren't officially added to the team until May,

though they had played in some games, and Griffith wasn't picked until June.

Meanwhile, the Russians, Australians, Czechs and other national teams have been together for a while except for the handful of players in the WNBA.

Chancellor's response? Don't whine, just play.

The U.S. team faced similar constraints in 2000, yet won its eight games in Sydney by an average of 24 points en route to the gold medal. And this was after an entire WNBA season.

"We could use that as an excuse, but I don't believe in that," Chancellor said.

The United States won the past two Olympic gold medals and has 17 straight victories in the Summer Games since a 1992 loss to the Unified Team. Since 1996, the United States is 34-0 in the Olympics and world championships.

"I feel good about the team we're sending," said Leslie, who led the United States in scoring in the Atlanta and Sydney Games. "If we work hard, come out and play hard every game, I don't see us losing."

"But if we come out with our 'B' effort, we could be in trouble. Because whenever we step on the floor against another country, this is their big game."

Russia, with WNBA players Svetlana Abrosimova and Elena Baranova, will have its usual strong team. Brazil always has talent, including Janeth Arcain, who skipped the WNBA season to get ready for the Olympics.

Australia features an older, more seasoned Lauren Jackson, who stars for the Seattle Storm and was a silver medalist with the Aussies as a 19-year-old in 2000.

The United States would not meet Russia or Australia until the medal round because they're in different pools. The Americans' toughest challenge in the prelims should come from the Czech Republic, China, South Korea, New Zealand and Spain, none considered a medal contender, also are grouped with the United States.

## Tall: Americans to face tougher competition in hostile environment

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The roster also includes Shawn Marion, a member of the U.S. team that lost three games — to Argentina, Yugoslavia and Spain — in Indianapolis during the 2002 World Championships.

The others are: Carlos Boozer, Amare Stoudemire, Lamar Odom, Dwyane Wade, Carmelo Anthony and Stephen Marbury.

The young American players could be caught off-guard by the reception they'll receive in Athens during the Summer Games amid an environment of heightened anti-American sentiment.

"Most of these guys have been adored wherever they've played," U.S. coach Larry Brown said. "Compared to Ohio State at Indiana, or North Carolina at Duke, I guess it'll be taken up a notch or two. It's going to be an interesting thing to see how our players respond."

The neophytes will quickly discover that international crowds are far more boisterous than the ones back home, and the referees are different, too. The international game tends to be far more physical, and referees' calls can be a problem at the worst possible moment.

In the semifinal game against Lithuania in the Sydney Olympics, the Americans led by two points and had possession with the clock winding down late in regulation when a jump ball was called.

In a ruling that continues to baffle Brown, a jump ball violation was called against Antonio McDyess and the referees quickly awarded the ball to Lithuania. Guard Sarunas Jasikevicius dribbled downcourt and tossed up a three-point shot that barely missed, sparing the U.S. team the humiliation of losing for only the third time in the Olympics.

American teams have com-

pleted a record of 109-2 in Olympic play, the only losses coming in 1972 and 1988.

Their competition will be strong in Athens, with Lithuania, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain and Argentina expected to be among the teams contending for the gold medal.

Serbia and Montenegro will be forced to do without sharpshooter Peja Stojakovic. But Lithuania will feature the NBA's Darius Songaila, and Spain will be anchored by Pau Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies.

Argentina's team includes Ginobili and other players who have spent at least a season or two in the NBA and several years playing professionally in Europe. More important is the players' familiarity with each other after playing together on junior teams before graduating to the national team.

Not only has the U.S. team played together for less than two weeks, but it also has a few personalities — most notably Marbury and Jefferson — who don't particularly like one another.

Brown, who chased after the referees in Sydney following the U.S. team's close call against Lithuania, will have to convince his youngsters that the Olympics will be anything but a cakewalk. A 5-1 record in pre-Olympic games and a few close calls against lesser foes likely got the Americans' attention.

"We have the talent, and we also have coaches that really pushed us," said Brand, who vividly recalled assistant coach Greg Popovich's face turning red as he exhorted the U.S. team to be prepared for a big challenge against Argentina last summer.

"That fervor was inside of us, and we were ready to play," Brand said. "Coach Pop and Coach Brown, they're going to let the players know it's not going to be easy."

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# USF-AFL teams brace for race to finish

## Three squads have chance to win regular-season title

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Never in the five-year history of the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League has so much been on the line in the final weekend of the regular season.

Yokota, Misawa and Yokosuka, enter the weekend with a chance to finish first, second or third.

Last-place Atsugi (0-5) can play the role of spoiler. The White Dolphins could dash Misawa's hope of a regular-season championship and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a victory.

"At this point, you can't make a guess," Commissioner Kyle Rhodus said of Saturday's matchups, pitting Yokota at Yokosuka and Misawa at Atsugi, both at 4 p.m., to determine the field for the playoffs starting Sept. 4.

Only one thing is certain at this point: Atsugi plays its semifinal game on the road against the regular-season champion.

The rest of the field? A total jumble.

"That's the way I saw it" during the league's preseason jambores on June 19, Yokosuka coach Isaac Lee said. "Everybody had a chance to compete."

"It's great for the league," said quarterback and assistant coach Jacob Dowdell of league leader Yokota (4-1). "Everybody has a chance to stay involved."

The Raiders would have clinched first place had they won at Misawa last Saturday. Instead, the Marauders edged Yokota 27-26 in two overtimes.

Yokosuka topped Atsugi 24-12, tying Misawa (3-2) for second place, setting up numerous tie-breaker possibilities — and giving all four league coaches a built-in distraction, keeping their players from thinking about what could happen and keeping their minds on Saturday's games.

"We know what we have to do," Dowdell said of the Raiders. "We



WR Robert Trisby and the Yokosuka Seahawks are hoping to beat Yokota on Saturday and have the point differentials go their way.

just line up 11-on-11 and play until the whistle's blown. ... We don't want to put seeds of doubt or confusion in anybody's head. We just line up and play and what happens, happens."

Rather than frustrating the Raiders, Saturday's loss "is lighting a fire" under the players, Dowdell said. "At the same time, everybody recognizes how good it is for the league to have good competition, down to the last second."

Yokota controls its own destiny. A victory over Yokosuka will give the Raiders their first regular-season crown.

Misawa and Yokosuka each need to win and hope the point margins in both games fall their way.

"The key is, don't lose focus on what has made you successful," Misawa coach John Hemphill said.

"If you start looking at what other teams have to do and the different scenarios, it's really easy to get off the goal. You can't get caught up in all the other stuff, can't let that creep in your head into your huddle."

Teams and players also can't lament what's already happened.

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"We can't undo what's been done," he said. "We have to win and let the chips fall where they may."

Despite Atsugi's 0-5 record, Hemphill noted that the White Dolphins ended their streak of four shutout losses by scoring 12 points against Yokosuka.

"My biggest challenge this week [is] to keep the guys from looking too far ahead," Hemphill said. "They might get upended by Atsugi. We don't want to overlook them."

The thought that Misawa's hopes could hinge on Atsugi's win has the White Dolphins players "excited about playing in that kind of game," Atsugi coach Ray Shabazz said.

"We have nothing to lose. Misawa has everything to lose," Shabazz said. "We're going to go out, give it 100 percent and try to win. Putting points on the board was a confidence booster for us."

Such a tight finish is the best thing that could have happened for the league, Rhodus said.

In the past four seasons, 32 games, including the 2001 and '03 league title contests, were called

## USF-AFL

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Yokota	4	1	.800	199	98
Misawa	3	2	.600	131	76
Yokosuka	3	2	.600	144	63
Atsugi	0	5	.000	54	143

Saturday's games  
Misawa at Atsugi, 4 p.m.  
Yokota at Yokosuka, 4 p.m.

Postseason  
Saturday, Sept. 28  
Aizawa Bowl, USF-AFL All-Stars vs. All-Star Stars (Japan's Kikkawa) at Waseda Stadium, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28  
Semifinals

TBD Saturday, Sept. 28  
Championship Bowl, 11 p.m.

TBD  
Playoff possibilities

Yokota — Can clinch regular-season championship and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs by beating Yokosuka OR if it loses to Yokosuka by four points or fewer AND if Atsugi beats Misawa OR if it loses to Misawa by four points or fewer AND if Misawa beats Atsugi OR if it loses to Atsugi by four points or fewer AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by five points or more AND if Atsugi beats Misawa OR if it loses to Misawa by five points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 14 points or more AND if Misawa beats Atsugi OR if it loses to Atsugi by 14 points or more.

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Yokosuka — Can clinch regular-season championship and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs if it beats Yokota by five points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokota by two points or more AND if Misawa beats Atsugi OR if it loses to Atsugi by two points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more.

Atsugi — Will finish third if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more AND if Yokosuka beats Yokota OR if it loses to Yokosuka by 17 points or more.

off because of duty, forfeits, weather and transportation problems. Not one of this season's 10 games has suffered the same fate.

"The league has gone relatively flawlessly, as good as we could have hoped for coming into the season," said Rhodus, Yokosuka Naval Base's MWR athletics director.

"And having the league totally undecided heading into the last week, with three teams having a chance to win (the regular season title) is an exciting prospect."

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## Mets pitcher Glavine loses front teeth in accident

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mets pitcher Tom Glavine lost his two front upper teeth in an automobile accident Tuesday while going from LaGuardia Airport to nearby Shea Stadium in a taxi cab.

Glavine also got stuck for a cut lower lip. He was to be released from a hospital Tuesday night and miss his start Wednesday against Houston.

"I'm just thankful it's not worse," Mets manager Art Howe said. "We're looking forward to having him back. We don't know when that will be."

The accident occurred at 2:15 p.m. as Glavine headed to the ballroom on the overpass of the Grand Central Parkway as he left the airport grounds, the Mets said.

Glavine was leaving LaGuardia in a taxi that collided with a SUV on the overpass of the Grand Central Parkway as he left the airport grounds, the Mets said.

Port Authority police and the New York Police Department responded to the crash, and the Emergency Medical Service took Glavine by ambulance to NYU Medical Center in Manhattan.

Glavine was conscious, Port Authority spokesman Tony Ciavarella said. Mets' oral surgeon Dr. Robert J. Glickman treated the pitcher.

Mets' team physician Joseph Bosco said Glavine was resting comfortably in a hospital room and to go straight to his home in Connecticut.

Growing up in Massachusetts, Glavine was a two-sport prep star and was picked by the NHL's Los Angeles Kings in the fourth round of the 1984 draft.

Glavine, 34, was picked baseball over hockey, he joked. "I had all my own teeth and I wanted to keep it that way."

The driver of the taxi, George Kovalenko, 54, of Brooklyn, and the other vehicle, John Struble, 40, of West Milford, N.J., were both uninjured, police said.

## Serena Williams pulls out of Olympics because of injury

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Just a few hours before she was supposed to board the U.S. Olympic tennis team's flight to Athens, Serena Williams sent word by e-mail that she wouldn't be going to the Summer Games.

With Jennifer Capriati staying Stateside, too, the Americans' medal hopes suddenly went from strong to suspect. Don't tell that to coach Zina Garrison, though.

"We're fired up and ready for the challenge," Garrison said Wednesday night after arriving in Greece. "This is the best time and this opportunity doesn't happen every day."

The United States has dominated women's tennis in the Olympics since it returned as a medal sport in the 1988 Seoul Games, winning seven of the eight golds. At Sydney four years ago, Serena teamed with older sister Venus to

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win doubles, and Venus won singles.

Instead of having three of the world's top players playing singles during the Aug. 15-22 tournament, Garrison will have Lisa Raymond and Chanda Rubin joining the sixth-seeded Venus in singles.

In and doubles, Rubin will replace Serena as Venus' partner. "I am sad and disappointed, not only because I am unable to travel to Greece and participate in the Olympics," Serena Williams said Wednesday, "but also because I gave my word that I would play."

The doctor "advised her that if she were to play, she'd risk serious long-term repercussions on her knee," Walker said.

Williams' withdrawal came a day after 1992 singles gold medalist Capriati announced she wouldn't play because of a hamstring injury.

## Olympic flame reaches Athens

ATHENS, Greece — The Olympic flame neared the end of its 26-nation, around-the-world journey Wednesday, arriving in the Games' host city to cheers from children, roadside parties and women dressed as ancient priestesses.

More than 600 people will carry the flame on a final, two-day trip through greater Athens that will take it from the ancient town of Marathon to Acropolis hill to the opening ceremony Friday in the new Olympic stadium.

## Devers will replace Edwards in women's 100 meters

GEORGIUPOULI, Greece — Torri Edwards' two-year doping suspension cleared the way for 37-year-old Devers to try to win her third gold medal in the 100 meters.

Edwards' suspension for taking a banned stimulant elevated Devers, a five-time Olympian, into the 100 because she finished fourth in the U.S. trials last month.

Edwards on Wednesday appeared at the International Court of Arbitration for Sport, where a binding decision should come before the track competition begins on Aug. 20.

## Georgia RB Lumpkin to miss season with ACL injury

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia running back Kregg Lumpkin, who was expected to start, will be lost

for the season after tearing a ligament in his left knee during a non-contact drill.

Lumpkin tore his anterior cruciate ligament Monday, the team's first day of practice. The normal recovery period for a torn ACL is nine months.

Lumpkin was second on the team with 523 yards rushing as a freshman last year, despite missing the first two games with a hamstring injury.

## Tom Clemson RB out 6-8 weeks

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson running back Duane Coleman broke his foot during practice Tuesday and won't be able to play for six to eight weeks.

Last season, Coleman led the Tigers with 615 yards rushing. He caught 34 passes for 309 yards.

"With his loss, we will have to evaluate what we are going to do offensively, especially on third down," coach Tommy Bowden said.

# M's Martinez shows he's not done yet

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Edgar Martinez is far from finished.

In his first game since announcing he will retire at the end of this season, Martinez hit a two-run homer to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

"That doesn't happen every night," he said.

The two-time All-Batting champion received a stirring ovation from the Safeco Field crowd of 36,290 before the game. He didn't disappoint, connecting off Terry Mulholland in the first inning for his ninth home run of the year.

"That was great," Martinez said.

"They've always been great to me. That was pretty amazing to me."

One of the game's greatest designated hitters, the 41-year-old Martinez is in his 18th major league season — all with Seattle.

As far as his opponents are concerned, he hung around too long. Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire was hoping Martinez would retire immediately Monday, not at the end of the season.

"That way we wouldn't have had to face him any more because he has done that to us many, many times," Gardenhire said. Gi Meche (2-5) pitched two hit ball through eight innings in his third start for Seattle since being recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on July 30. He walked two and struck out seven.

**Ortles 11, Angels 3:** Miguel Tejada went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer and tied a season high with five RBIs to help visiting Baltimore extend its winning streak to eight.

## AL Roundup

Larry Hughes homered, Brian Roberts tied a career high with four hits and David Newhan was 3-for-5 with three RBIs for the Orioles, who had a season-high 20 hits. Rookie right-hander Daniel Cabrera (9-5) allowed three runs in six innings, ending Anaheim's five-game winning streak.

Aaron Sele (7-1) was charged with six runs — four earned — and a career-worst 13 hits in 4 1/2 innings.

Anaheim rookie Robb Quinlan extended his hitting streak to 21 games.

**Athletics 5, Tigers 4:** At Oakland, Calif., Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and Barry Zito (8-8) pitched seven innings to win for the third time in four starts. Octavio Dotel earned his 10th save in 14 tries with the Athletics.

**Rangers 7, Yankees 1:** Ryan Drees (9-6) pitched seven shutout innings and former Yankee Alfonso Soriano doubled twice and scored three times for the home-standing Rangers.

David Dellucci, also a former Yankee, and Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers to help Texas end a four-game skid.

Kevin Brown (9-2) lost for the first time in six starts, his worst performance since returning from the disabled list on July 30. Both his losses have come against his former team.

**Red Sox 8, Devil Rays 4:** At Boston, Jason Varitek, Bill Mueller, Orlando Cabrera and Kevin Youkilis each drove in two runs to back Boston Arroyo (5-8).



Seattle DH Edgar Martinez is greeted in the dugout after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning of the Mariners' 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday in Seattle. It was Martinez's first game since announcing he would retire at the end of the season.

Manny Ramirez went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts after missing three straight games because of the flu.

**Indians 2, Blue Jays 0:** Chad Durbin (5-4) allowed four hits in seven innings at Jacobs Field and struck out a career-high seven. Ronnie Belliard hit a two-run double for the second-place Indians, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

Bob Wickman finished for his fifth save.

**White Sox 9, Royals 3:** At Chi-

cago, leadoff batter Willie Harris went 5-for-5, Carlos Lee hit a three-run homer and Paul Konerko added a two-run shot to help the White Sox win for the fourth time in 16 games.

Jon Garland (8-8) pitched seven solid innings. Kansas City has lost five in a row to fall a season-low 33 games under .500 (39-72), the worst record after 111 games in the franchise's 36-year history.

Before the game, the Royals optioned 2003 AL Rookie of the Year Angel Berroa to Double-A Wichita.

# Tigers roar with 11 runs at Oakland

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dmitri Young hit a three-run homer and Wilfredo Ledezma made the early lead stand up Wednesday, giving the Detroit Tigers an 11-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Omar Infante drove in three runs and Rondell White homered as the Tigers ended a three-game losing streak. Ivan Rodriguez was the only Detroit starter who did not get a hit.

Ledezma (2-0) pitched 5 1/2 innings to earn his first win as a starter this season. His other victory came in relief on July 25.

Ledezma gave up two runs and five hits. After going 10-3 with a 2.42 ERA at Double-A Erie, he has allowed just 17 hits in 21 1/2 innings in the big leagues.

Eric Chavez, Scott Hatteberg and Bobby Kielty drove in runs for the Athletics, who had their three-game winning streak stopped.

Mark Redman (8-9) lasted four innings, his second straight outing of the season. He was tagged for six runs and seven hits.

Redman has allowed 30 runs in 31 innings in six home starts this season, giving up nine home runs.

Young hit his sixth homer of the season, connecting in the third inning.

# Edmonds lifts Cards with homer in 10th

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Two hits were enough for St. Louis to beat Florida.

Albert Pujols ended Josh Beckett's no-hit bid with a sixth-inning homer, and Jim Edmonds homered on the first pitch in the 10th inning to lead the Cardinals to their sixth straight victory, a 2-1 win Tuesday night.

"We've won some unusual games this year, and I'd put this one right up there with them," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Florida had seven hits but was shut out after Alex Gonzalez doubled home a run in the second. St. Louis won for the 19th time in 24 games since the All-Star break.

Julian Tavarez (5-3) pitched 2 1/2 hitless innings, and Jason Isringhausen followed with a perfect 10th for his 30th save. Guillermo Mota (8-5) gave up Edmonds' 31st home run.

Cardinals right-hander Chris Carpenter pitched just 2 1/2 innings before departing because of tightness in his lower back.

**Padres 8, Cubs 6:** Ramon Hernandez had three hits, including a three-run homer, to help visiting

## NL Roundup

San Diego move within one game of the Cubs for the NL wild-card lead.

Chicago's Sammy Sosa hit his 564th homer to move past Reggie Jackson into sole possession of eighth place on the career list.

Cubs starter Mark Prior (3-3) allowed six runs, eight hits, five walks, a hit batter and a balk in three-plus innings.

Adam Eaton (7-10) lasted five-plus innings, allowing solo homers to Sosa, Moises Alou, Derrek Lee and Nomar Garciaparra his first since the Cubs acquired him from the Red Sox on July 31. Eaton also hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the third.

Trevor Hoffman got three outs for his 30th save, retiring Ramon Martinez on a game-ending flyout with two on.

**Rockies 5, Phillies 4:** Pinch-hitter Vinny Castilla hit a go-ahead two-run double off Tim Lincecum (4-5), and Luis Gonzalez added a sacrifice fly in the third-run ninth as the visiting Rockies won their second straight over the Phillies.

Jerome Burnitz hit his 31st homer, and Charles Johnson added a solo shot for Colorado, which is 4-1 since trading Larry Walker to St. Louis. Steve Reed (3-2) was the winner.

**Dodgers 5, Reds 2:** Steve Finley hit his first homer with Los Angeles, Adrian Beltre also homered and Jose Lima (11-3) pitched allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings. Eric Gagne got three straight outs for his 34th save.

Cincinnati's Adam Dunn hit a solo shot in the fourth that traveled an estimated 535 feet, the longest at Great American Ball Park. He leads the majors with 35 homers.

**Pirates 8, Giants 7:** Barry Bonds set a major league record by reaching 30 home runs for the 13th straight season.

Rob Mackowiak hit an RBI double off Matt Herges (4-5) with two outs in the ninth as home-standing Pittsburgh won its third straight.

Michael Tucker had tied the score 7-7 in the top half against Jose Mesa (3-1) with his second homer of the game.

**Brewers 3, Braves 2 (10):**

Chris Magruder homered off Tom Martin (0-2) in the 10th as visiting Milwaukee rallied from a 2-0 deficit to stop Atlanta's five-game winning streak. It was only the Braves' third loss in 17 games.

Jon Adams (2-1) pitched out of a two-on jam in the ninth for the first time in six starts since the All-Star break, allowing three runs and seven hits in seven innings. Pete Munro (2-4), who grew up near Shea Stadium, gave up four runs — three earned — and seven hits in five innings.

Richard Hidalgo delivered a key double against the club that traded him in mid-June, and Jose Reyes hit a two-run triple.

Steve Trachsel (10-8) won for the first time in six starts since the All-Star break, allowing three runs and seven hits in seven innings. Pete Munro (2-4), who grew up near Shea Stadium, gave up four runs — three earned — and seven hits in five innings.

**Expos 4, Diamondbacks 0:** At Montreal, Livan Hernandez (9-10) struck out eight in eight innings, and Luis Ayala finished as



St. Louis Cardinals' Jim Edmonds homered off Florida Marlins reliever Guillermo Mota in the 10th inning of Tuesday's 2-1 victory.

the Expos won their third straight.

Johnson (11-10), 1-4 in his last seven starts, allowed four runs and five hits in six innings. Arizona, a major league-worst 35-79, has lost 42 of its last 51.

## Major League Baseball scoreboard

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Yankees	71	41	.634	—
Baltimore Orioles	54	57	.486	16.0
Tampa Bay Rays	49	59	.448	21.0
Toronto Blue Jays	47	65	.423	23.0

## Central Division

Minnesota Twins	62	50	.554	—
Chicago White Sox	59	55	.518	4.0
Chicago Cubs	52	62	.460	9.0
Kansas City Royals	39	72	.321	22.0

## West Division

Oakland Athletics	49	56	.466	—
Seattle Mariners	51	59	.459	1.0
Anaheim Angels	52	54	.492	2.0
Los Angeles Angels	47	59	.443	7.0

## Tuesdays games

Boston Red Sox	at Cleveland	2	0
Chicago White Sox	vs. Kansas City	3	0
Seattle Mariners	at Baltimore	3	0
Baltimore Orioles	at Oakland	5	0

## Wednesday's games

New York Yankees	at Boston	2	0
Kansas City Royals	at Chicago White Sox	3	0
Los Angeles Angels	at Seattle	1	0

## Thursday's games

Tampa Bay Rays	at Detroit	8	0
Los Angeles Angels	at Tampa Bay	1	0
Chicago White Sox	at Kansas City	3	0
Seattle Mariners	at Anaheim	1	0

## Friday's games

Los Angeles Angels	at Tampa Bay	1	0
Chicago White Sox	at Kansas City	3	0
Seattle Mariners	at Anaheim	1	0

## Saturday's games

Los Angeles Angels	at Tampa Bay	1	0
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Braves	63	48	.568	—
Philadelphia Phillies	59	53	.523	6.0
Florida Marlins	55	49	.525	7.0
Montreal Expos	55	49	.525	7.0

## Central Division

St. Louis Cardinals	73	38	.658	—
Chicago Cubs	51	54	.483	12.0
Houston Astros	51	49	.505	12.0
Milwaukee Brewers	53	47	.529	7.0

## West Division

Los Angeles Dodgers	45	59	.433	—
San Diego Padres	50	53	.483	1.0
Colorado Rockies	51	45	.529	1.0
San Francisco Giants	51	45	.529	1.0

## Tuesdays games

Montreal Expos	at St. Louis	2	0
Los Angeles Dodgers	at San Francisco	7	0
Philadelphia Phillies	at Houston	3	0
Florida Marlins	at Atlanta	3	0

## Wednesday's games

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Philadelphia Phillies	at Houston	3	0
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San Francisco	Pittsburgh
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Hudson 1	Swann 1
Alfonso 3	Mikay 1
Chavez 1	Johnson 1
Przyn 1	5-11 Bay 1
Tucker 1	Wright 1
2-10 San Fran 1	2-10 Pitt 1
Rios 3	Wiggins 3
2-10 San Fran 1	2-10 Pitt 1
Hedges 0	Mesa 0
2-10 San Fran 1	2-10 Pitt 1
Leopold 1	2-10 Pitt 1
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Chris 0	2-10 Pitt 1
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## SPORTS



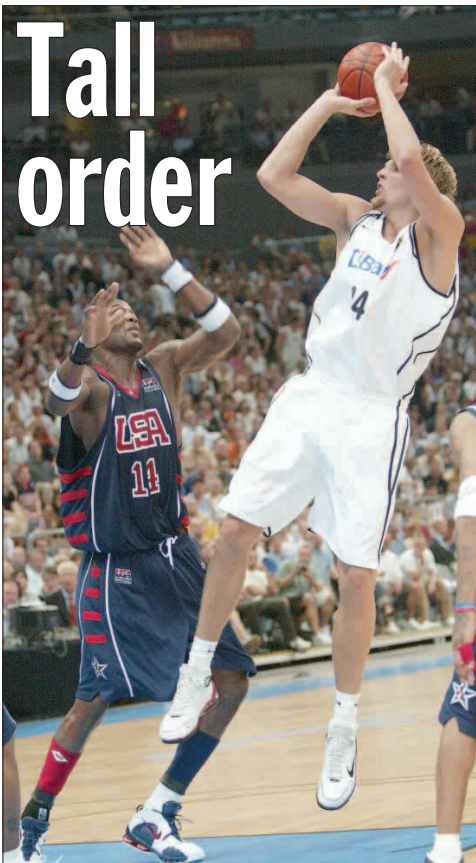
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Team USA's Lamar Odom, right, drives against Dejan Tomasevic, left, of Serbia and Montenegro during an exhibition game Aug. 6. The U.S. went 5-1 during its pre-Olympic tour. The Americans play Puerto Rico in their opener on Sunday.

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## Tall order



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Lamar Odom, left, defends Germany's Dirk Nowitzki in a game the U.S. won on a last-second shot.

## U.S. team no longer a lock for Olympic gold

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

Manu Ginobili seemed flabbergasted after being asked why his team played so poorly last summer in the gold medal game of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico.

Argentina had been steamrolled 106-73, the Americans dunking and dominating with equal flair in one of the most impressive displays of athletic brilliance in the long and staggeringly successful history of U.S. national basketball teams.

"What? You didn't expect us to beat them, did you?" Ginobili asked.

Actually, some folks did.

Argentina had defeated a U.S. team of NBA players in the 2002 World Championships, then stayed even with the Americans for all but the final minute of a second-round game in the Tournament of the Americas.

But as Ginobili hinted, Argentina expected to see the Americans' best effort in the gold medal game — and that's exactly what happened.

After one particularly dominant stretch that included five alley-oop dunks in a span of six possessions, the Americans — with a star-laden team including Tracy McGrady, Jermaine O'Neal, Vince Carter, Mike Bibby,

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Elton Brand, Kenyon Martin and Ray Allen — led 53-19.

Argentina's players hung their heads, their minds causing their body language to convey the obvious: The Americans have the best basketball team in the world, case closed.

Or at least they did.

America won't be sending as strong of a team to Athens, and the men's basketball gold medal is more up for grabs than it has been in 16 years.

Security concerns, fatigue, injuries, indifference and a pending criminal trial have knocked some of the biggest names off the U.S. roster and prevented several of their most worthy replacements from stepping in.

Only Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and Richard Jefferson remain from the team that won the Tournament of the Americas, and the rest of the roster was filled

with some of the NBA's best young players — almost none of whom have any experience playing under international rules in front of hostile crowds.

Among the new U.S. players are LeBron James, the NBA rookie of the year, and Emeka Okafor, who was picked second overall in this year's draft by the expansion Carolina Bobcats.

"I have a chance to get a gold medal," Okafor said. "That's one of the reasons I jumped at this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to it."

## U.S. roster

Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Age
Carmelo Anthony	F	6-8	20
Carlos Boozer	F/C	6-9	22
Tim Duncan	C	7-0	28
Allen Iverson	G	6-0	29
LeBron James	G	6-8	19
Richard Jefferson	F	6-7	24
Stephon Marbury	G	6-2	27
Shawn Marion	F	6-7	26
Lamar Odom	F	6-10	24
Emeka Okafor	F/C	6-10	21
Amare Stoudemire	F	6-10	21
Dwyane Wade	G	6-4	22

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Martinez homers in first at-bat since announcing his retirement

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